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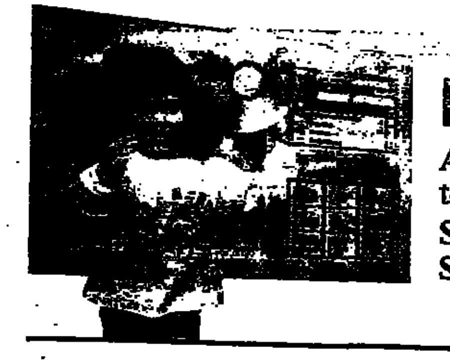

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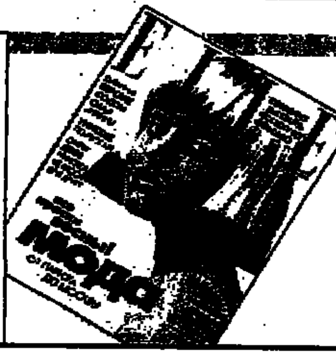

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Redwood turns up pressure

Rifkind warns of long war over beef ban

By Arthur Leathley, Andrew Pierce and Charles Bremner in Brussels

MALCOLM RIFKIND warned Europe last night that Britain's campaign of non-co-operation may continue until the autumn unless there is agreement to lift the beef ban.

The Foreign Secretary hardened Britain's position over the crisis after John Major held the first meeting of his so-called "war cabinet" to decide tactics in the offensive against the rest of the EU.

Mr Rifkind said that Britain's refusal to co-operate in decisions requiring unanimous support was already biting. He signalled a lengthy campaign against the EU unless Britain's European partners lifted the ban on beef products such as gelatin, tallow and semen and agreed to a framework for the eventual lifting of the ban on beef.

"We do not know if this will run for days, weeks, perhaps even two to three months, perhaps even longer. The policy will continue until the objective has been achieved." Officials said that it had to be made clear to EU members that "this is not a tantrum. It will be a well thought out and concerted campaign to achieve the result we consider to be right".

Although Mr Rifkind said that Britain would not back down over the issue, he conceded that, if ministers from other countries believed there should be an exception for a very serious issue, the exception would require the agreement of British ministers collectively. He added: "We do not anticipate exemptions."

Last night, the Foreign Secretary was heading for confrontation with Tory right-wingers who are pressing the Government to go much further in its showdown with the EU. Two former Cabinet ministers led the right-wing charge.

John Redwood, said in one of his most outspoken attacks on Europe so far that the Prime Minister had shown a welcome determination to stand up for British interests, but it was not a lasting solution to British helplessness in the face of the mighty European Court.

Mr Redwood, writing in today's *Times*, said: "We must use the new notoriety we have gained by our threat of non-co-operation to articulate a better vision of Europe, to offer our partners a choice, to say there is a different way from that recommended by Chancellor Kohl."

The right-wing calls for war to be waged on several different fronts were led by Lord Tebbit, the former Tory Party chairman, who said: "The Prime Minister has upped the stakes very considerably. They are absolutes for him. If he is not successful, it is goodnight. If he wins game set and match, it will be a huge upside for the Prime Minister."

Tony Blair criticised the Conservatives' language over the crisis, a crisis that is expected to cost the country £2.4 billion by 1999, according to a parliamentary written answer, although the EU is likely to meet a quarter of that sum. The Leader of the Opposition told Italian leaders that Tory talk of "war on Europe" was irresponsible, foolish and deeply unhelpful. But at the same time he gave qualified support to Mr Major's policy on the ground that the national interest was at stake.

Ministers' irritation was exacerbated when the European Court of Justice ruled that the Government had wrongly prevented a British animal export company from exporting sheep to Spanish slaughterhouses.

Mr Major called Mr Rifkind and Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, to Downing Street for a 40-minute meeting to draw up the battle lines for the non-co-operation campaign.

A taste of the obstruction to come was delivered to a ministerial council in Brussels that was to have approved measures on civil protection in manmade and natural disasters. Britain refused to endorse the three items that were due for unanimous approval. The impact of the British stance was described yesterday by Franco Barberi, an Italian secretary of state, as paralysis. "I am very disappointed," he said.

While the EU tried to assess the damage from an obstruction campaign that is proving tougher than expected, Commission officials said there was little prospect that the other EU states would agree to Mr Major's demand for a deadline for lifting the overall beef ban.

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'I saw his knife and I pleaded with him not to hurt Steve'

STEFAN ROUSSEAU

Miss Cable being comforted by her father Jim during the interview at a London hotel yesterday

Road rage woman tells of fiancé's stabbing

By Adrian Lee

A YOUNG woman who saw her fiancé stabbed to death during a "road rage" attack described yesterday how she pleaded with the killer not to hurt him.

Danielle Cable, 17, a waitress, said other motorists ignored her requests and she was helpless as her boyfriend, Stephen Cameron, 21, died in her arms.

Giving her first interview since he was murdered on a motorway intersection in Kent on Sunday Miss Cable described the killer as "a monster". She said she wished she too had been killed "so we could still be together". Detectives have been unable to trace the murderer or his vehicle, an L-registration Land Rover Discovery.

Miss Cable said she could not understand what provoked the attack. She was on the roundabout when the Land Rover came from nowhere. "I had to brake quite sharply. Steve was just shaking his head as if to say 'you idiot', but he was joking more than anything." Both vehicles stopped at traffic lights and the other driver got out.

"Steve got out to see what he wanted and he hit Steve. I got out and begged him not to hurt him. I was begging the other drivers to help. Everyone just ignored me."

Cameron tried to kick the knife out of the man's hands. "I saw his knife and I was pleading with him not to hurt Steve. I couldn't go near him because I thought he'd hurt me. Steve was trying to kick the knife out of his hand and looking at me to say 'stay back'." Her fiancé was then stabbed and collapsed but was able to speak to her briefly.

"Steve came round and said 'He has stabbed me Dan, get the number plate'. I held him and he just looked at me. There was blood going everywhere. He was just looking at me and said 'Please help me', and there was nothing I could do."

Miss Cable spoke in a quiet, hesitant voice. She was close to breaking down on several occasions during the interview. "I was trying to get him to stay with me but it was just too late." During the attack she screamed for help from passing motorists. "They just sat in their cars and didn't do anything." Miss Cable, who also appeared

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"Spare some change for a two-week holiday, guv?"

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Britain gives Europe a taste of stonewalling

From Charles Bremner in Brussels

BRITAIN put the brakes on the EU machine yesterday, blocking its first action at ministerial level while the continental media succumbed to a tide of indignation over London's beef campaign and the bellicose chorus from the British popular press.

A taste of the obstruction to come was delivered to a ministerial council that was to approve measures on civil protection in man-made and natural disasters. David Bostock, Britain's deputy EU ambassador, gave the gathering an announcement that is to become ritual as long as Britain's beef is subject to an open-ended export ban. "The British Government is obliged to approach today's agenda in the wider context of the crisis on BSE," he was quoted as saying.

That meant Britain would refuse to endorse all three items which were due for unanimous approval. Britain's envoys and ministers will thus be injecting beef into every decision-making forum, from foreign policy to transport.

Although Britain had long been reluctant to approve EU co-operation on civil protection, it had been expected to go along with the measures. The impact was described by Franco Barberi, an Italian secretary of state and chairman yesterday, as "paralysis". "I am very disappointed," he said.

Meanwhile, Stephen Wall, the ambassador, told his colleagues on Coreper, the acronym for the powerful ambassadorial council that runs EU business, that Britain would not sign an accord on company insolvency and would withhold support from preparations for the Europol convention. The final go-

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RADA's grant for Blitz repairs

The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art was awarded £22,750,000 from the Arts Council's lottery funds, which will go towards renovating and extending the college's dilapidated premises in Bloomsbury, central London.

In the past, any money raised has been spent on tuition, although the building has never recovered from being bombed in 1942. The news was welcomed by many former students............Page 7

England control Oval match

An inspired spell of seam bowling by Chris Lewis, the Surrey all-rounder surprisingly recalled for the one-day cricket series against India, left England firmly in control of the first international at the Oval. Lewis took four wickets before bad light halted play early with India reeling on 96 for five. They need another 196 to win when the game resumes............ Page 48

Taylor rallies peers to block Howard's plan

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

LORD TAYLOR, the Lord Chief Justice, supported by an array of former Tory ministers and other peers, gave a clear signal to the Government yesterday that they would seek to block flagship plans for tougher prison sentences in the run-up to the general election.

The proposals, expected in a Criminal Justice Bill this autumn, were repeatedly condemned by peers, including Lord Carr of Hadley, a former Home Secretary, as unworkable and amounting to a "denial of justice".

Lord Taylor, who is retiring because of ill-health, chose to use his final speech as Lord Chief Justice to issue a warning that the Government's proposals — which he said were based on "shallow and untested figures" — would have "grave consequences". He added: "I venture to suggest that never in the history of our criminal law have such far-reaching proposals been put forward on the strength of such flimsy and dubious evidence."

The proposals by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, for minimum sentences for repeat burglars and drug dealers, and automatic life sentences for repeat violent and sexual offenders, are expected to be contained in a Bill this autumn. Determined opposition in the Lords, however, could effectively prevent the Bill passing through Parliament before the election.

Lord Taylor's successor as Lord Chief Justice will be announced today — he is Sir Thomas Bingham, the present Master of the Rolls. His post will be taken by Lord Woolf, the law lord, who sat at Lord Taylor's side during his address yesterday.

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Hacker takes command of US Air Force computer net

From Ian Brodie in Washington

A TEENAGE hacker in London, using the on-line codename Datastream Cowboy, took control of the computer network at a top US Air Force research laboratory, government investigators in Washington said yesterday.

Working with an accomplice known as Kuji, who was possibly a foreign agent, the 16-year-old's attack from Cyberspace put all the laboratory's 33 sub-networks off-line for several days while files were rummaged. Repairing the break-in and adding security "patches" cost half a million dollars.

The penetration was at Rome Laboratory in New York state, the premier Air Force command and control research centre which works on weapons systems, artificial intelligence and radar guidance. During their attacks, the hackers stole information on the methods used by Air Force commanders to relay secret intelligence and targeting information during wartime. Datastream Cowboy's hacking was described as an example of a growing and serious threat to US national security in reports and testimony to a Senate committee by the US General Accounting Office. The report said that hackers attacked Pentagon computer systems as many as 250,000 times last year, gaining entry in two out of every three attempts. Although the study showed up the Pentagon's vulnerability, it focused on unclassified systems, which represent more than 90 per cent of defence traffic.

Datastream Cowboy was caught two years ago by Scotland Yard on information supplied by the US Air Force. Detectives found him at his keyboard on the third floor of his family's house. Realising they had come to arrest him, he curled up on the floor and cried.

Since then, legal proceedings have been pending against him for fraudulent use of the British telephone service. No charges have been brought against him for breaking into US military computers and American officials have been left wondering when and if he will be prosecuted.

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Labour divided on how to join battle

By Arthur Leathley
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Labour figures were at odds last night over how to react to the campaign of non-cooperation in Europe. As Tony Blair voiced muted support for the Government's position, senior colleagues made clear their fears that Britain's action smacked of party-politicking.

The Labour leader said that he would back the Government's efforts to have the beef ban lifted but made clear that his party would look at the issue on a case-by-case basis: "The Government has embarked upon a strategy in which the national interest is now engaged. I will not undermine it, provided it is measured and lawful, and backed by a massive exercise in negotiation and diplomacy."

While Mr Blair was visiting Rome, senior colleagues at home were emphasising that the Conservatives were engaged in a domestic political campaign to woo Eurosceptics. Baroness Blackstone, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman in the Lords, accused the Government of "indulging in the folly of going to war with Europe in order to placate the European sceptics in the Conservative Party".

She asked Baroness Chalker, the foreign affairs minister: "Would you tell the House whether we are going to war with the US, Australia and Canada, at least one of which banned British beef before the EU?"

Donald Dewar, Labour's chief whip, said his party would support the Government provided it was not simply playing "ill-defined macho politics". Gavin Strang, the shadow Agriculture Minister, said: "There is a *lot of suspicion — and this* extends beyond the ranks of the Labour party — with regard to this Government's motives."

MICHAEL POWELL

Dougles Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, after his 40-minute meeting with John Major to decide what stance to take on non-cooperation

Abattoirs win right to dispute the slaughter of older cattle

By Michael Hornsby
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A GROUP of abattoir owners and farmers won permission in the High Court yesterday to mount a legal challenge to the centrepiece of the Government's strategy for restoring consumer confidence in beef.

*The Quality Meat and Live*stock Alliance, which has some 50 members, contends that the Government acted unlawfully in banning the sale for food of cattle which are more than 30 months old at slaughter. Lawyers for the group say the Government has failed to show there is any risk to health from eating these older cattle, the only ground for banning them under the Food Safety Act.

Mr Justice Carnwath said: "It seems to me that there is *certainly an arguable point*, although I express no view as to whether it will succeed." The full application for judicial review of the ban is likely to be heard in July. The challenge, if successful, would throw the Government's policy for dealing with the crisis in the beef industry into even greater disarray. It has also opened rifts within the farming community.

Richard Macdonald, director-general designate of the National Farmers' Union, *said: "This challenge is not* helpful and we do not support it. Culling animals older than 30 months is politically and commercially important as a solution to our problems and it should not be hindered."

But Ewen Cameron, president of the Country Landowners' Association and a leading dairy farmer, said the legal move could be useful if it increased pressure on the Government to exempt slow-maturing beef cattle from the cull. "We believe it is extreme*ly important that this very* wholesome beef should be excluded from the ban. We were never happy with the cut-off at 30 months, which is far too early and looks to have been a bad miscalculation."

The alliance estimates that *800,000 old dairy cows and* 500,000 prime beef cattle will be withdrawn from the market and destroyed this year under the cull scheme, at a cost to the taxpayer of more than £700 million. About 50,000 cattle have been de*stroyed so far and are being* burnt. ng plants.

Richard North, an adviser to the group, said: "Farmers are having to destroy perfectly sound meat and perfectly good animals. Very shortly we could be facing a serious beef shortage in Britain."

The ban on cattle older than 30 months was announced at the end of March after the disclosure by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, that some people might have contracted the Creutzfeldt-Jakob brain condition — the human equivalent of "mad cow" disease — from eating beef infected with BSE.

Cattle over 30 months old are regarded as being more likely to be incubating BSE. Supermarkets have based their strategy for restoring beef sales on a guarantee to consumers that all the beef on their shelves comes from animals under this age.

Britain stonewalls

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ahead for the EU police agency was to be one of the main items at the EU summit in Florence on June 21. Britain will attend ministerial meetings in Brussels next week on the single market and development, but again will refrain from endorsing any decisions.

The scale of Britain's action seemed to have sunk in across Europe yesterday, generating a backlash of public anger. While politicians railed at what they depicted as counter-productive folly, commentators voiced shock at the virulence of the anti-continental sentiments coming from the tabloid press and some British politicians.

The German press was especially stung by what it reported as an anti-German campaign in Britain, complete with every caricature from wartime days.

Frankfurter Rundschau said that Mr Major was panicking. *Frankfurter Algemeine Zeitung* said the Prime Minister's ultimatum was really "a cry for help; aimed at Europe". In Brussels, *La Libre Belgique* said the tabloids seemed to be "sowing the same seeds of madness which led Germany to Nazism".

Blocking unlikely on EMU

From Charles Bremner
IN BRUSSELS

BRITISH officials yesterday dismissed suggestions that the Government would use its EU blocking campaign to obstruct the project for monetary union but they believe it could hold up business on some of the preparatory work.

Technical preparations for EMU are gathering pace in Brussels and Frankfurt but no government decisions are imminent. The monetary committee, the team of senior finance officials in charge of the project, is continuing to meet. Britain's representative would be expected to note Britain's reservations on any decisions going forward for ministerial assent.

If there is no solution to the beef crisis, Britain will next month probably withhold its endorsement of an interim report on the creation of a new exchange-rate mechanism to accompany the euro's launch, due in January 1999. Britain has, however, already dissented from the scheme favoured by all the other states.

If John Major turns the Florence summit, as he threatens, into a debate on beef, he will presumably refuse to sign a planned joint statement on preparations for EMU.

In the longer term, despite its opt-out from the project, Britain will be required to give assent to the framework for denominating bonds during the transition period and the design of the coinage that is due to be phased into circulation in six years' time.

Although British blocking could hold up a decision on that, the matter could wait for a year or two. A British official said the beef crisis should be over long before such decisions became urgent.

Boy, 11, found guilty of manslaughter

An 11-year-old boy was found guilty yesterday of killing a pensioner when he dropped a 19lb slab of concrete from the top of a 12-storey tower block on to her head. It took a jury at Leeds Crown Court only 65 minutes to decide the boy, who was ten at the time, knew that what he was doing was wrong and that he was therefore guilty of the manslaughter of Edna Condie, 74, in Leeds last August.

The court was told that the boy, who had denied Mrs Condie's manslaughter, roared with laughter when a companion told him he had struck the woman. She died instantly. He later told police he had pushed the slab off "for fun" because he enjoyed being naughty. Mr Justice Potter adjourned sentence for three weeks for reports. The boy was remanded to local authority care.

Stationery deal rescued

A government deal to sell school stationery to Uzbekistan, which looked likely to cost the British taxpayer £3 million when it appeared to have fallen through, has been rescued by Stationery Office officials. After weeks of negotiations by a government team in Tashkent, the former Soviet republic agreed to pay the first instalment of £900,000 with the rest to follow during the year. Last month the National Audit Office chastised HMSO Scotland for shipping out the goods without proper safeguards to ensure payment.

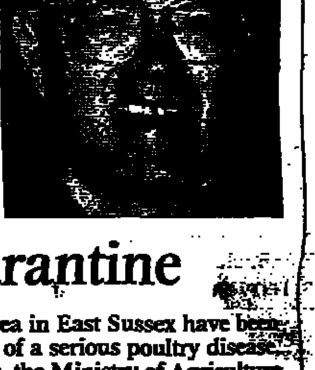
Shot man had meeting

An Essex car dealer was shot twice in a classic gangland killing as he kept a rendezvous, police said yesterday. The killer then dumped John Marshall's body in his car on a south London street. Mr Marshall, 34, of Billericay, still had £5,000 in cash but a sports bag is missing. Yesterday police sources confirmed that Mr Marshall, 34, from Billericay, moved in the same circles as three Essex drug traffickers killed last December. Two men have been charged.

Majorca meningitis alert

Tourists began leaving a holiday complex in Alcudia, Majorca, after a British boy aged 13, from Sussex, and a German girl aged 11 died from meningitis after being taken ill while on holiday. Emergency supplies of vaccine are being taken out and a telephone helpline has been set up by Airtours, the main operator at the complex, for up to 500 holidaymakers who are due to arrive in the next two weeks.

Our shame, by Carey



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, right, said yesterday that religions must admit responsibilities for divided communities. Speaking in Chicago, Dr Carey pleaded for tolerance, and said: "Terrible things continue to be done in the name of religion which shames religion and makes it a disgrace." He called on leaders of all faiths to condemn atrocities by fundamentalists.

Farm in quarantine

A farm and its surrounding area in East Sussex have been quarantined after an outbreak of a serious poultry disease, the first in more than ten years, the Ministry of Agriculture said yesterday. The viral infection, known as Newcastle Disease, is highly contagious and affects pigeons and other birds as well as poultry. All the 1,700 birds on the affected farm, which is near Heathfield, will be slaughtered.

Tony Banks MP

A report in our first edition (May 8) about MPs defying the new earnings rule and register of MPs' interests stated that Tony Banks had failed to declare his interests. In fact, Mr Banks is an advocate of openness in these matters and had fully declared his interests, as all later editions made clear. We apologise for any embarrassment caused by the mistake.

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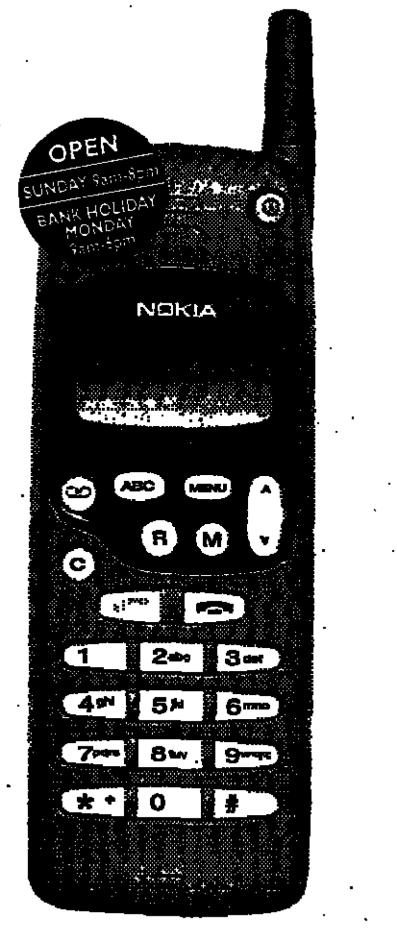

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Girl says drivers sped past killer

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on the BBC's *Crimewatch* programme last night, was asked to describe the killer. "He is a monster." She hoped the killer watched last night's broadcast.

"I just hope he is watching this now and looking at my face, remembering that I was pleading with him not to kill the person I loved more than anything. He just looked at me like I was dirt." She said the man, who drove off towards the Dartford Tunnel, said nothing during the incident.

Miss Cable, who wore a black jogging top and cream coloured trousers, described her feelings for Cameron, an electrician. The couple were engaged at Christmas and planned to marry within a year.

"This man has destroyed my life because Steve was my life. He was everything to me. We couldn't wait to get married. We were going to get a house together soon and we were buying things for it."

Miss Cable, from St Mary Cray, Orpington, who was accompanied by her parents Jim and Mandy, said: "Steve woke up that morning and he told me he loved me." She began crying as she appealed for anyone with information, however trivial, to come forward.

The family of Cameron also released a photograph of him, with Miss Cable, taken the day before he died. Cameron's father, Ken, who took the photograph in the front room of the family home in Swanley, said: "The two of them were just larking about in the living room enjoying one another's company. It was a spur of the moment thing but now I realise it's the last picture of Stephen."

Miss Cable's father, who sat with a protective arm around her, praised his daughter's courage. "I think she has been very brave. We can't stop grieving until they catch this monster. They have just got to catch him as soon as possible before he does it again."

Asked what motive the killer could have had, Mr Cable said: "For what? Why did he do it? How could you kill someone like Steve?"

Asthma appeal fails

A WOMAN whose asthmatic daughter's clothes, bedding and soft toys all need daily washing, failed yesterday in a High Court attempt to have her domestic water rates cut.

Tracey Davies, from Kirkby, Merseyside, was refused leave to mount a judicial review against North West Water but Mr Justice Carnwath said companies might be obliged "as a general principle" to consider the special needs of customers when allowing rebates. Mrs Davies's two-year-old daughter, Bethany, suffers from severe asthma and the family had found it difficult to pay its metered water bill, which was well above average.

He said North West Water had done all that was required by law in assessing the case.

Mrs Davies already receives housing benefit, income support and a disability living allowance to help provide for Bethany's needs.

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Lib-Lab 'affair' costs Labour control of council

By Ian Murray
and Lin Jenkins

Latham: former MP and ousted leader

RUMOURS of an affair between two politicians lost Labour a London council after a stormy meeting last night.

The alleged relationship between the leaders of the Labour and Liberal Democrat groups in Havering, northeast London has been blamed for a series of defections over recent weeks which eroded Labour's slim hold on power. A coalition has taken control of the 63-seat council.

The leader of the Labour group, Arthur Latham, 66, formerly MP for Paddington and chairman of the Tribune group of MPs, and Caroline Hurlstone, 49, an English teacher, have both always firmly denied the relationship.

However, Mrs Hurlstone's husband Terry said yesterday he was suing her for divorce. Mr Hurlstone, who is currently on police bail after allegedly assaulting Mr Latham in his home six weeks ago, is waiting to see if he will be prosecuted.

Mrs Hurlstone said the collapse of the ruling Labour/Lib-Dem alliance on the council was motivated by personality clashes and petty self-interest. Those responsible, she said, had "replaced the one political giant we have had with a bunch of pygmies." Mrs Hurlstone, who succeeded her husband as Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate for Upminster, defected to Labour three weeks ago.

The rumours about an affair between herself and Mr Latham were merely a smokescreen and "absolute rubbish", she said. "The alliance had a one-vote majority on every committee. We gave Labour the ability to act as the majority group, so we worked closely."

She said those who defected from Labour had decided to do so before the incident between "my-soon-to-be-ex-husband", and Mr Latham, which had been the origin of stories about an affair. The four councillors who resigned the Labour whip had acted "because they could not get their own way politically".

The council meeting which ended Mr Latham's rule was interrupted by Mr Hurlstone from the public gallery, and erupted into noisy challenges on all sides as members hurled abuse.

An unlikely alliance of 12 Conservatives, 17 Residents, two Liberal Democrats and four Socialists voted to oust Mr Latham and formed a "Rainbow" coalition under the Residents' leader, Louise Sinclair.

Mr Latham's "autocratic, grandiose style helped us to topple him," Mrs Sinclair said yesterday. "His lifestyle and personal relationships steered people away from him."

Mike Davis, one of the four Labour members who walked out on Mr Latham to set up the Socialist group on the council at the end of March, said: "Policy was being formulated between the two group leaders over cosy lunches and then pushed through without any consultation with the Labour members."

After the 1994 elections, Mr Latham needed support from the Liberal-Democrats to ensure his 31-strong Labour group had a majority. He said yesterday this meant he had to have a very close working relationship with Mrs Hurlstone.

She has said that she now believes that "the way forward for a progressive, anti-Tory politician is within the Labour Party".

Mrs Hurlstone's close links with Mr Latham began last October after her daughter was murdered at the Devon farm where she worked, and Mr Latham gave her support and comfort at a difficult time.

Mr Latham said yesterday that the real reason for his defeat was wide opposition to his plans to set up information centres round the borough and create a new style of local government.

Another Liberal Democrat councillor, David Parker-Ross, deserted to the Tories three weeks ago, complaining that Mrs Hurlstone spent more time with Mr Latham than with her own group.

Charles Harrison, the new Liberal Democrat leader, said he hoped the Rainbow coalition would restore calm. "If somebody wrote a book about what has happened, readers would think it was too far fetched."

Terry and Caroline Hurlstone. He is suing for divorce

SIMON WALKER

Simon Snaith working yesterday on one of the plaster ceiling mouldings of the Grand Reception Room at Windsor Castle

Castle rises anew — on time and within cost

By Alan Hamilton

THE largest historic building restoration project this century, at Windsor Castle, is entering its final phase and is expected to be completed on time and within its projected £40 million budget, officials of the Royal Household said yesterday.

More than a hundred rooms in the castle were damaged in a disastrous fire on November 20, 1992, delivering the final punishing blow to the Queen's *annus horribilis*. The largest occupied castle in the world is expected to be fully restored to its former glory by the spring of 1998.

Journalists were yesterday given a conducted tour of the affected areas, where an army of craftsmen, working in a dense forest of scaffolding, are recreating some of the grandest and most ornate interior design in Britain.

The work is six times the size of the project which restored the 17th-century wing of Hampton Court Palace after a similarly catastrophic fire in 1986. Michael Peat, the Queen's director of finance, reaffirmed yesterday that 70 per cent of restoration costs would be met from entrance fees to the castle and to Buckingham Palace, which had already contributed more than £11 million. The remaining 30 per cent comes from public funding.

Most spectacular of the original works is a new oak hammerbeam roof for St George's Hall, the 150ft-long ceremonial chamber which previously had a low-pitched roof of plaster painted to look like wood designed by Jeffrey de Wyattville for George IV in 1830. It has taken 70 English oaks to furnish the timber.

Giles Downes, architect of the new roof, said yesterday: "It is not a copy of what was here before; it is an improvement. It maintains the Gothic spirit of the original, but is much more peaked and gives an extra two metres of headroom. Nothing like has been put up in Britain for a century."

Elsewhere, craftsmen in plaster are restoring the ceiling and walls of the Grand Reception Room, judged the finest rococo interior in Britain. Because the private chapel was destroyed, it has been redesigned as an unusual octagonal anteroom to St George's Hall.

Accountant is charged over church funds theft

By Ruth Gledhill
and Stephen Farrell

A CHURCH accountant was charged yesterday in connection with the theft of nearly £240,000 donated by parishes to the London diocese. Dean Bailey, 33, will appear in court next month accused of falsifying documents and deception.

Mr Bailey from Shoreditch, east London, was employed as an assistant accountant at the diocesan fund office in central London when the alleged frauds took place between the summer of 1990 and February this year.

All the London's diocese's money is kept in the diocesan fund, which is worth £150 million. A large proportion is tied up in vicarages and other church property, but £18 million is held in trust for the diocese's 396 parishes.

New checks and balances were put into place by Chris Smith, the diocesan secretary, after he was appointed two years ago by Dr David Hope, who was then Bishop of London. These checks eventually led to discrepancies being uncovered by the diocese's auditors, Coopers & Lybrand.

Mr Bailey was questioned by police and released on police bail. Yesterday, he returned to Belgravia police station for further questioning and was charged.

He was taken on as an assistant in the accounts department in April 1990, where he worked for his father-in-law, the Rev Ronald Vaughan, the former head of the department who now works as the Bishop of Stepney's projects officer. Mr Bailey's wife Rosemary also worked for the diocese, in the parsonages department, but left when she was expecting. They have a daughter aged two.

According to the *Church Times*, the diocese suffered smaller losses in the 1980s after a similar incident.

£50m for ex-wife 'would not be missed'

By Joanna Bale

A SENIOR Court of Appeal judge questioned yesterday whether an American multimillionaire would miss a £50 million divorce payment.

As lawyers representing Robert Dart argued that his former wife Katina's demands for "many, many tens of millions" was unreasonable, Lady Justice Butler-Sloss said that it "would not dent" his £489 million family fortune based on the manufacture of polystyrene cartons.

Mrs Dart, 37, who lives in Lansing, Michigan, is challenging an award of £8.85 million made in the High Court after the couple divorced last year.

Lady Justice Butler-Sloss questioned whether Mr Justice Johnson, who made the first award, should have been more generous. "The standard of living the parties enjoyed is a yardstick," she said.

Barry Singleton, QC, representing Mr Dart, said: "There must come a time when the wife is provided for. There must come a point when her requirements become unreasonable. It is not the court's job to provide a top-up, when every frippery and every conceivable luxury a person might want is met."

Mr Singleton said the original award had already allowed for Mrs Dart to indulge in such luxuries as the occasional chartering of a plane, but he admitted the couple had lived an affluent lifestyle even in America, before moving to Britain. Judgment has been reserved.

Curry that took some beating

AN INDIAN curry seemed the perfect way to round off a pleasant evening for David Ives and his partially sighted friend Paul Hester. They ordered a beer and studied the menu but because the lighting was so subdued Mr Hester had difficulty reading it.

What happened next resembled *Fawlty Towers* but became more serious, Bosmath Sheffi, for the prosecution, told Luton Crown Court. "A waiter asked for their order but when told they were not ready he poured their drinks away and ordered them to leave," Miss Sheffi said.

"Mr Ives tried to explain but to no avail. The waiter was joined by other staff and Mr Ives was attacked with a baseball bat. He was surrounded by people and beaten on his back, head and arm as he tried to protect himself.

"Then he was bundled out of the door and his arm was trapped as someone tried to close it," Miss Sheffi said. Mr Hester, who is registered blind, was restrained from helping his friend.

Yesterday Foyzul Islam, 30, the owner of the Dhaka Tandoori and his brother, Sirajul Islam, 33, the chef, admitted affray in August last year. They were both given a 12-month conditional discharge. Judge Gareth Davies, who awarded Mr Ives £2,000 compensation and Mr Hester £500, said: "No doubt you have troublesome customers but this was an unprovoked attack on innocent people."

Brother freed to inherit fortune

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

MARK NEWALL, jailed for helping his brother to cover up the murder of their wealthy parents, has been freed from prison only 21 months into a six-year sentence.

Newall, 29, a former Eurobond dealer who earned £150,000 a year, will now inherit his share of his parents' fortune, which as a result of investment is understood to be worth several million pounds. The brothers had shared the £500,000 left to them by their parents plus £400,000 from a great uncle.

Newall's release from Leyhill open prison in Gloucestershire was denounced by a senior police officer who spent two years on the investigation into the murders of Nicholas and Elizabeth Newall in Jersey in 1987. The couple were bludgeoned to death by Roderick, their other son, who is serving a life sentence for murder. Mark admitted destroying evidence and helping to bury his parents' bodies secretly.

Newall: helped to hide his parents' bodies

Graham Nimmo, a former detective inspector now retired from the States of Jersey Police, said yesterday that Mark Newall had cost the island and its authorities a tremendous amount of money. The investigation took longer than the time he served because of an elaborate and protracted cover-up in which he initially told "lie after lie".

Mr Nimmo added: "It's a bit galling that he's out and can do what he likes. I would have liked to see him serve at least four to four-and-a-half years."

Newall's eligibility for release earlier this month was made under the 1991 Criminal Justice Act, which operates in England and Wales but not Jersey. Anyone given a sentence of four years and over is eligible for parole after serving half their sentence. He became eligible in March because he had been in custody since being arrested three years earlier.

If he had remained in Jersey he would have been eligible for release in March next year. Jersey does not operate a parole system but well-behaved prisoners are normally released after serving two thirds of their sentence.

Roderick Newall, a former Army officer, is serving his sentence in Jersey.

Holidays grabbed while they're hot

By Harvey Elliott
Travel Correspondent

A FAMILY set off for a Florida fly-drive holiday for £9 a head yesterday, as Britons demonstrated their determination to grab last-minute holidays to escape a wet and windy holiday weekend.

The family of three from Doncaster spotted the offer on Teletext from the Blackpool-based Liberty World Travel. Ian Warren, the general manager, said: "Three people had to cancel at the last moment from a charter flight. They were covered by insurance which meant they got their money back and we had been paid.

"But we were then able to offer their seats at the extremely low price of £9 and still make a profit. We sold the holidays within 20 minutes of them appearing on the screen. There is so much capacity on the market at the moment that airlines are getting rid of their distressed stock at whatever price they can get."

The family have to pay for their accommodation, airport taxes and £69 damage-waiver car insurance.

Travel agencies around the country said that there has been a surge in demand, especially for Spain, the Ballearics and Greece. Temperatures as high as 30C (86F) in the past few days appear to have been the magnet. The Going Places chain said there had been a 20 per cent jump in bookings this week when it became apparent that May was to be one of the coldest and most miserable on record. Thomas Cook said that holidaymakers were looking for instantly available bargains.

Britain's biggest travel retailer, Lunn Poly, said that a sharp fall in the number of package holidays on offer this year meant that many potential clients flooding into their travel shops were having to be disappointed.

Heathrow Airport expects to handle about 339,000 people over the four days from today to Bank Holiday Monday. Gatwick expects 332,000, Manchester 204,000 and Birmingham 40,000. A further 350,000 people will cross the Channel by ferry, while 210,000 are expected to go through the Channel Tunnel by either Eurostar or Le Shuttle trains.

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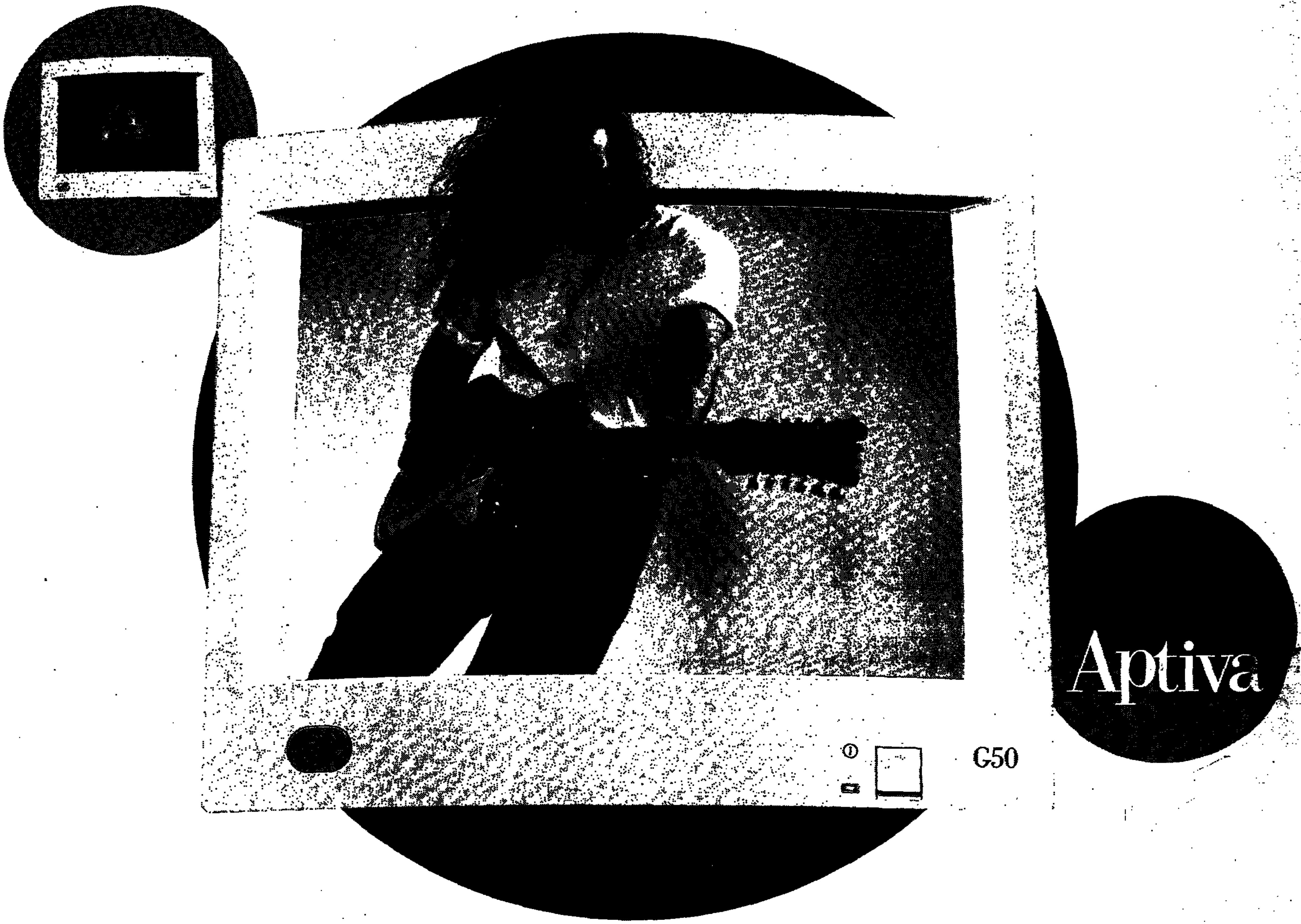

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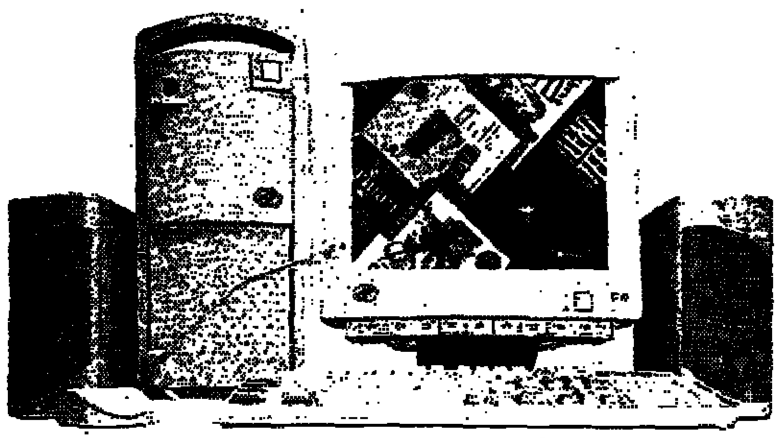

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New editor discarded executive 'like toffee paper'

By Bill Frost

THE Editor of the *Sunday Express* acted in an utterly irrational and whimsical fashion when she dismissed a highly regarded executive, an industrial tribunal chairman said yesterday.

Graham Jones, 44, had told the hearing that he was the victim of a callous, brutal cull of middle-aged men and that Sue Douglas, 39, had behaved like "King Herod in reverse — not killing the babies but all men over 35". He had been "tossed aside like a toffee wrapper" within a fortnight of her arrival in January. Despite his role as assistant editor (news), he had been told to clear his desk and go straight home on the day of his dismissal. A replacement, 40-year-old Richard Ellis, was in place an hour later.

Express Group Newspapers admitted acting improperly in the way Mr Jones was dismissed. However, his claim of sexual discrimination was dismissed by the tribunal at Croydon, south London.

Ian Lamb, the tribunal chairman, had harsh words for Ms Douglas. He told her she had been "hiring and firing with complete disregard to the laws or good employment practice". She had operated as if there was no restriction on her powers at all. "We do not think she paused long enough to assemble an agenda here except to consider who she wanted around her.

"This dismissal had no rhyme or reason except the personal preference of Ms Douglas ... it was utterly irrational and whimsical. She considered that Mr Jones was just not a person she wanted to work with."

Mr Jones, an Oxford graduate who has also worked at *The Daily Telegraph* and its Sunday stablemate, earlier told the tribunal: "This was sex discrimination. If I was a woman I would still have my job. It was a cull of middle-aged males.

"I worked extremely hard, long hours, 14 or 16-hour days for seven years. My work was consistently praised inside and outside Express Newspapers. This all came to an abrupt end two weeks after the appointment of the new editor."

Mr Jones, from Rickmansworth in Hertfordshire, who earned £62,000 a year, claimed that he was never given a reason for his dismissal or "adequate compensation" — he received a cheque for £31,875 but claimed female staff who left the paper received 12 months' salary.

"I would have been treated differently if I had been a woman. I do not have any doubts about that," he said. "I believe my sacking is part of an anti-male agenda. The *Sunday Express* has now become a paper which has no time for middle-aged male-dominated values."

Ms Douglas denied that she had sacked Mr Jones because of his age and gender. He had been sacked after a "phenomenal" decline in the paper's circulation. "It would never occur to me to judge people by their age or gender. I can only judge them on merit. I am on trial with this job too," she said.

The tribunal adjourned to allow Express Newspapers, which admitted unfair dismissal, and Mr Jones to agree a compensation package. He declined to reveal after the hearing whether he had found another job. "I think the chairman's comments about the nature of the dismissal said it all."

JOHN GILES

Gareth Potter was charged £113 for an ambulance ride after being knocked down

Patient, 4, threatened with court bailiffs

A HOSPITAL summonsed a boy aged four for not paying a £113 ambulance bill after he was knocked down by a car.

Gareth Potter of Pontefract, West Yorkshire, was at risk of having his toys confiscated after his mother ignored solicitors' letters, assuming there had been a mistake.

The child, who had been taken to hospital after the accident last year, was due before Pontefract County Court next month. Yesterday the proceedings were thrown out when lawyers representing Pontefract General Infirmary realised the mistake.

His mother Veronica, 27, said that when a bailiff's warrant for Gareth's possessions arrived, "my immediate reaction was to put his toys out so they would realise how stupid the whole episode was." She telephoned the bailiff, who apologised and told her not to worry. She had thought the matter was forgotten when the summons arrived.

Yesterday the hospital apologised through its solicitors. "Hospitals are very busy and the odd mistake can be made," a spokeswoman said.

Teachers call for defiance on tests

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

A CAMPAIGN by head teachers to block the publication of the first primary school league tables was backed yesterday by the biggest school union. Governors are being urged to refuse to give the Government the results of tests on 11-year-olds which finish this week.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, has written to governing bodies throughout England, asking them to restrict access to the results to parents and teachers. He acknowledged that such action would be a breach of their statutory duty but says that legal action by the Government was unlikely.

The grades are to be turned into league tables next March. Mr McAvoy said: "If significant numbers of governing bodies decided not to return test results, what remedies would be open to them? Ministers would find it embarrassing to take action against the very people they are asking to make the system work."

Governors are already under pressure from the National Association of Head Teachers not to pass on the results. David Hart, the NAHT's general secretary, criticised the National Association of Governors and Managers, which has rejected its appeals, saying it was "time it stopped behaving as if it was the Government's poodle".

Many governors were as angry as their teachers when Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, changed her mind in February and decided that the results of the tests should be published next year in national performance tables.

But Mrs Shephard said yesterday that poor test results and alarming inspectors' reports left her no alternative. "The public has a right to this information," she said. The National Governors' Council has asked Mrs Shephard to abandon league tables this year.

☐ Companies are cashing in on the squeeze in school funding by providing so-called educational resources which are biased, covered with company logos or which encourage children to eat chocolate and fast foods, the National Consumer Council said.

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Nigeria promises to free British boy

By Michael Dynes

NIGERIA yielded to diplomatic pressure from the Foreign Office yesterday and promised to release a British schoolboy held prisoner for a month.

John-Paul Mokulou, 13, was arrested in Lagos while visiting relatives. Officials believe that he was being held hostage to force his father, a cousin of the former president of Nigeria, to give himself up.

John-Paul: held in Lagos while visiting relatives

It is thought that John-Paul was arrested because he gave his name as Obasanjo. The Foreign Office was unable to clarify whether he was related to Major-General Olusegun Obasanjo, who ruled Nigeria from 1976 to 1979.

Christine Olukoya, the boy's mother, flew to Lagos on Wednesday to secure his release. The Foreign Office said: "We have heard from the Nigerian authorities that the boy will be released."

Glenda Jackson, the Labour MP who highlighted the plight of the north London boy, said that the family had no reason to believe that John-Paul's father was "a dissident of any kind". She denounced the "outrageous behaviour" of the Nigerian authorities.

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Sales delayed for Wembley and Old Trafford games

Euro 96 tickets withheld in mix-up over rival fans

By John Goodbody and Richard Ford

TICKET sales for Euro 96 were in turmoil yesterday when about 1,000 Wembley seats destined for Dutch supporters were withheld because they were in areas reserved for English fans.

On another embarrassing day for the tournament, the organisers had to explain the problems to the Government, with Manchester United also unable to sell its full allocation of 28,100 tickets for four matches at Old Trafford because plans to segregate fans had not been completed.

Officials of the Football Association (FA) met Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, yesterday to reassure them that all tickets ordered by group purchasers were being scrutinised and "would be honoured only if it was safe do so after the necessary checks had been made".

The Dutch have already sold their official allocation of 8,100 seats for each of their three group games but thousands more fans are trying to buy black-market tickets for the matches. The withheld tickets were for the match against England on June 18.

It is understand that none of the four English-based companies offering the tickets at Wembley will be charged with any offence because they claim they were authorised to make bulk applications. The approval was allegedly given by Trevor Phillips, who resigned as commercial director of the FA two weeks ago to save the governing body "embarrassment". There is no suggestion that Mr Phillips profited from ticket sales.

Euro 96 organisers want to segregate supporters because of the potential for violence. The executives will release the 1,000 tickets for the England-Netherlands match only if the four unnamed companies selling them can give the names and addresses in England of the purchasers. If not, the tickets will be offered for domestic sale.

The organisers have also withdrawn a further 1,000 tickets obtained by ten people, who were charged this week with touting offences. The remaining ticket agencies and corporate hospitality brokers, who were raided on April 30 by Scotland Yard detectives, will be allowed to keep their seats if the organisers are satisfied that there is no breach of security. Manchester United has delayed selling its remaining tickets for the championship while club officials and Euro 96 "finalised the segregation". On Tuesday, the six other clubs at whose grounds the three-week championship will be staged began selling about 170,000 seats direct to the public. Some 1.2 million tickets have so far been bought through Euro 96.

Manchester United has complained that the FA has not given clear instructions on sales. A total of 28,100 tickets remain for Germany versus Czech Republic, Russia versus Germany, and also one quarter-final and one semi-final, when fans will be buying without knowing which teams they will see.

☐ The project co-ordinator of Synchro Systems, which is the official ticket agency for the Euro 96, has been found dead, five days after being sacked. Roderick Cornes fell to his death while climbing with a friend in Staffordshire. The police said that there was no suggestion that Mr Cornes had been distressed or upset before the climb or that he had contributed to his own death in any way.

Phillips, left, and Howard: worries over ticket

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Mike Harvey, right, on an earlier return to Colditz with Jack Best, left, Hugh Bruce, centre, and two other ex-PoWs

PoWs honour the ghost of Colditz

By Robin Young

A NAVAL officer who earned the nickname "the ghost of Colditz Castle" by masterminding escapes from an underground hiding-hole in the German fortress will be remembered by his fellow prisoners of war today.

Captain Mike Harvey, who died last week aged 82, and an RAF officer, Jack Best, used a double bluff. They hid inside the jail near Leipzig in eastern Germany until the guards thought they had escaped and then emerged for roll calls to disguise the fact that other prisoners actually had got away.

Major Hugh Bruce, a former Royal Marinewho with Mr Best will be among six former Colditz inmates attending a special service of thanksgiving for Mr Harvey in his home village of Langham, Norfolk, said yesterday: "The idea was that Mike and Jack would go into hiding in the castle and be missing from the regular roll calls. After a while the Germans were fooled into thinking that they had escaped. It meant we had two extra people and when anyone really did escape they could stand in for them."

Mr Bruce added: "It was brilliantly simple and it bought extra time for those who managed to get away. The first 24 to 48 hours were vital to an escaper. You needed as much time as possible before the alarm was raised to reach the railway station before suspicions were aroused.

"Mike had a bloody awful time doing it. He and Jack lived underground in a tiny hole beneath a stone step in one of the accommodation blocks."

The plan helped several prisoners to get away until, after 300 days underground, Harvey and Best were themselves caught trying to escape. Their capture left the Germans with an embarrassing problem. "They could not charge them with escaping because they were already supposed to have got away and they were caught in the courtyard of the castle. The German mind being what it is, they charged them with being absent from 1,326 roll calls instead," Mr Bruce said.

Mr Harvey, who had been captured in 1940 when his submarine *HMS Undine* was forced to the surface, served 28 days in solitary confinement and was eventually freed by the Americans in April 1945. He resumed his naval career, commanding *HMS St Austell Bay*, a frigate, and *HMS Blackcap*, a Royal Naval Air station, before leaving the service. He became managing director of a manufacturing company before retiring to Norfolk with his wife Jean.

Philosophic Cantona takes shot at record

By Richard Duce

MANCHESTER's favourite Frenchman is hoping that his unfathomable words of wisdom can be put to profitable use. Eric Cantona has been signed up by the pop producer Pete Waterman to make a record.

Not that the United footballer is planning anything along the lines of *Albatross*, Fleetwood Mac's chart-topper of 30 years ago. More an experimental, avant-garde affair, says Waterman, who admits Cantona is no Sinatra.

It was after a court appearance in connection with his attack on a football fan that Cantona told assembled reporters: "When seagulls follow a trawler, it is because they think sardines will be thrown into the sea."

Waterman said yesterday: "Any man who can say that is a genius." He added: "I don't think you should be looking at it as a singing project. He isn't going to be singing *My Way* or *No Regrets*, like Piaf. We will be using Eric's poetry, his ideology and I see it as being very experimental."

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RADA wins £23m from lottery to rebuild academy

By Dalya Alberge and Bill Frost

THE Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) was awarded a grant of £22,750,000 yesterday from the Arts Council's lottery funds. It will go towards the £30,760,000 that the college needs to renovate and extend its dilapidated premises in Bloomsbury, central London.

Many of RADA's illustrious former students, including Sir John Gielgud, Lord Attenborough and Imogen Stubbs, recalled how the school had been crying out for funds for as long as they could remember. Any money that was ever raised was always spent on tuition, rather than a building that had never recovered from the Blitz.

Lord Attenborough, RADA's chairman, said: "The academy was bombed in 1942 — in fact, when I was a student there. Because of the war and low government funding, we simply had to make do." The news of the lottery grant had made him "delirious". He added: "If you love the place as much as I have over the last 25 to 30 years, it's a fairy story come true."

Ms Stubbs recalled that there was so little space in which to rehearse that students were relegated to performing in "a black room with a few broken windows", or outside, in Russell Square. Walls were so thin, students felt self-conscious, knowing that their performances echoed throughout the school.

But, she added, the building exuded a unique charm when she thought of actors trained there — such as Albert Finney and Peter O'Toole.

Although Ms Stubbs felt "thrilled" at RADA's good fortune, she called for lottery cash to fund student grants. Every day she received begging letters. "It would be a huge loss if only posh people who could afford to go there." She also spoke of the need for equipment. When she was a student, there was no training for film or television because there was no money for cameras. RADA yesterday announced that the school would be re-equipped "so that future generations of actors and actresses can learn to work with the technology of the 21st century and beyond".

Barter: defended grant against "luvvy" charges

Sir John, a RADA student in the early 1920s, said: "I'm so glad they have got out of their troubles. It's a very good school. I learnt a lot from being there."

Bryan Forbes, the actor and director, welcomed news of the grant but suggested that at least some of the money should go towards reducing fees, now about £7,000 a year. He also received letters every week from young hopefuls asking for financial support. "It is very sad. Rather than spending all the money on refurbishment RADA should think seriously about cutting fees."

His own memories of RADA were mixed. "Quite frankly it was a bit of joke when I was there in 1942. More importance was attached to morning prayers than drama. I was one of only 13 men and there were 200 girls, so I had rather a good time. But, as for my dramatic education, that came later," he said.

Among other leading actors who welcomed the news was Jeremy Irons, a Bristol Old Vic graduate who has just returned from filming *Lolita*. "Any money that goes towards the training of actors is good," he said.

Duncan Weldon, director of the Chichester Festival Theatre, said: "It is good news to hear that lottery money is going towards securing the future of a drama school — which then secures the future of British theatre."

The producer Thelma Holt, who studied at RADA in the mid-1950s, remembered how "in the summer, it was either a sauna bath or you couldn't hear anything because there was no way of cutting out the noise from the street". When she talked to today's students, nothing had changed. "You can't work in the theatre and not go to RADA."

Nicholas Barter, the Principal of RADA, defended the grant against the charge that it was a windfall for "luvvy" southerners. The academy was for people of all classes and backgrounds, he said.

"We're drawing people in from all over the country — we hold auditions in Manchester, Nottingham, Newcastle and Belfast. We're drawing new blood into the theatre and we're looking for people from homes across the social spectrum.

The £22,750,000 grant is still dwarfed by the £55 million given last year to fund part of the renovation of the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden.

TONY WHITE

Moment for reflection: dark-suited Anthony Airey — great-grandson of the founder — with Frederick Perry, a director and head cutter

Tropical tailors face the unkindest cut

By Joe Joseph

THE sun is setting on a name that helped the British to keep their cool in the hottest international affairs.

In days of empire, the reason why Englishmen could manage to join mad dogs in the midday sun was probably because they were all wearing natty, tropical safari suits from Airey & Wheeler. But not for much longer.

After 113 years, a closure date of June 29 has been set for the gents' outfitter in Piccadilly, London, which ran up lightweight suits for Winston Churchill when he visited Onassis's yacht in the 1960s, which has kitted out a fleet of foreign secretaries, clothed colonial administrators who detest a siesta, and which is almost the official uniform-supplier to the Foreign Office.

"We went into administration in January," said Anthony Airey, whose great-grandfather James was the shop's founder. "The recession had finally got to us.

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The shop's business managed to grow even as the British Empire was in decline after the war, he added. "Air travel increased through the 1950s, boosting the demand for lightweight suits from businessmen, who were travelling more, and further. And, of course, foreign holidays were becoming more widespread."

Airey & Wheeler's success grew from suit fabric weighing about 7oz a yard — half the weight of high street suiting. This helped to ensure, as Noel Coward put it, "that though the English are effete, they're quite impervious to heat".

Customers: the Duke of York, Lord Tonypandy and Lord Owen

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"When he was foreign secretary, John Major came to buy suits from us. The Duke of York came to us in 1979. And Prince Edward just walked in off the street. Alan Whicker has been here. We made Nigel Lawson some clothes a few years ago, and Lord Tonypandy. There have been several foreign secretaries here over the years. David Owen still comes in occasionally."

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Army veteran tried to murder gay man in 'revenge attack'

By Richard Duce

A FORMER soldier developed such a hatred of homosexuals after he was raped by a colleague while serving in the Army that he tried to murder a man who picked him up in a bar, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

George Rees was jailed for life with a recommendation that he serve at least ten years before parole was considered. Rees, who left The Blues and Royals cavalry regiment over 20 years ago claiming he was frequently bullied and abused, admitted the attempted murder of Tony Grundy.

He told police he also wanted to kill Michael Cashman, the actor who has campaigned for the Armed Forces to end its ban on homosexuals, and claimed to have kicked to death a gay man in Amsterdam, although this was never verified.

Peter Kyte, for the prosecution, said that Rees, 39, had met Mr Grundy in a bar one Sunday last October and was invited back to his home at the Barbican in London. Once there, he turned on his middle-aged host, forcing him to undress, then tied him up and stabbed him three times in the back.

Rees had told his victim: "You are bleeding to death. You won't die yet — you have 20 minutes. Your only chance is to give me cash."

Mr Kyte said that having forced Mr Grundy to reveal his bank pin number, Rees fled with his gold watch, his wallet, credit cards and apartment keys. Mr Grundy managed to stagger for help, having lost four pints of blood.

Rees, formerly from Moss Side, Manchester, who was on the run from prison where he was serving six years for robbery, was arrested several weeks later in Windsor and confessed his crime. He told police he had been aiming for Mr Grundy's heart and was amazed he had survived.

"I just snapped. I was absolutely raging. In my heart of hearts I had done something which I knew had been coming for a long, long time.

"After the stabbing I felt a great sense of relief. He epitomised everything I had gone through 20 years ago." He claimed he was prepared to kill as many gay men as possible, adding: "They will never be safe from me."

Sandra Stanfield, for Rees, said: "He recognises he is a danger to society, a danger to a certain part of the population." Had Rees not confessed his crime, "perhaps the court here would be dealing with a serial murderer."

Judge Hawkins told Rees: "It is obvious that you are a very dangerous man. The fact that you are extremely dangerous to the public should be remembered many years hence by those who have responsibility for your future."

As he was led from the dock, Rees turned to the judge, smiled and said: "Perhaps I will be out in time for Manchester City to come back to the Premier League. Thank you. Have a nice day."

Rees, who joined the Army in 1973 and left in 1975, spent 20 weeks in detention and 12 weeks absent without leave. An MoD spokesman said he was regarded as "highly maladjusted". He had made no allegations about homosexuality, which would have been investigated.

After learning of Rees's feelings Mr Cashman, the former *EastEnders* actor who is head of the gay rights group Stonewall, said: "I have had an occasional brick through my window and the occasional threat, but the fact that somebody might be out to murder you makes you wonder what sort of world it is where people are so twisted against lesbians and gay men."

Challenge changes stripes into a star ride

CHALLENGED that he could not tame a zebra, Gary Witherford, a stables owner, has broken a three-year-old stallion and claimed that within three hours it was able to be ridden.

Yesterday Mr Witherford, 36, of Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, said: "Given the right approach anything can be trained and tamed — now I'm going to try to ride a giraffe."

He has worked with horses since the age of 12 and has always been fascinated by exotic wildlife. So when Chipperfield's Circus offered him the chance to train a wild zebra he agreed immediately. However, Mr Witherford, who is 6ft and weighs 13 stone, was too heavy to ride Mombassa and had to hand over the reins to Nicky Davies, 5ft. "I would have loved to have ridden him myself," Mr Witherford said, "but I'm far too tall and heavy. But I have achieved a lifelong ambition by getting someone else to ride a zebra.

"Mombassa was surprisingly easy to train and it only took me three hours to actually get someone to ride him. The secret to training any wild animal is eye contact and body language.

"Once they recognise you are the master and you've established trust through eye contact they will do whatever you want."

DAVID HARTLEY

Nicky Davies on the young stallion Mombassa

Teenage demands for sex 'lead to abuse'

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Correspondent

INCREASING numbers of young people are being coerced into sexual activity, doctors say. An era of sexual licence is encouraging behaviour that crosses the boundary to instances of abuse, with teenagers submitting to sexual activity only to avoid rejection or to conform to social pressures.

A survey of 1,100 adolescents aged 13 to 17 found one in three girls and one in ten boys said they had been subjected to a sexual experience without their consent ranging from indecent exposure to intercourse. One in 20 girls and one in 100 boys said they had had forced sexual intercourse.

A third of those reporting such an experience said it had occurred with another teenager aged under 18. Among the girls, three quarters of unwanted sexual experiences involving physical contact were with men under 35.

The findings from the survey, carried out in Geneva, conform with those from other countries. In Britain, a study of adults last year by the NSPCC found that a quarter of women and one in ten men said they had been subjected to "sexual interference" as adolescents and in 30 per cent of cases the abuser was under 16.

Writing in the *British Medical Journal*, Dr Daniel Halperin, a specialist at L'Hòpital des Enfants, Geneva, who carried out the study, said that teenagers as well as adults perpetrated child sex abuse. The study "suggests that for a sizeable minority of adolescents there is a rougher, possibly even traumatic side to sexual exploration". Further study of the "complex dating and sexual behaviour" of adolescents was needed.

Speaking yesterday, Dr Halperin said that comments by the girls in the survey "suggest that what one partner sees as seductive behaviour may be seen by the other as breaching the limits of seductivity. Young males believe that love and romance might allow them to be more than persuasive and indulge in a rougher kind of sexual activity. The girl may not be able to resist because she wants to preserve the relationship or to conform to social pressures.

"Television and magazines indirectly encourage teenagers to perform all kinds of sexual acts which are presented as common, but very little is said about the right to refuse."

Michelle Elliott, of Kidscape, a charity that seeks to prevent child abuse through educating teachers and parents, said the findings accorded with experience in Britain.

Mother's rapist stalked second woman

By Paul Wilkinson

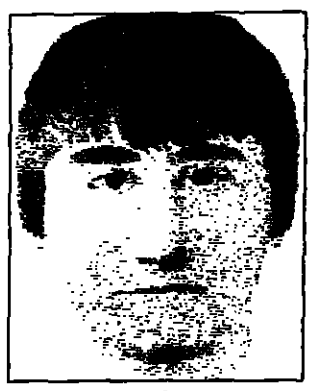
A RAPIST who attacked a mother in front of her two children in a country lane is thought to have stalked another woman minutes earlier. Police revealed details yesterday as they issued a composite picture of the wanted man.

Detective Chief Inspector Tony Porter, who is leading the search, said that shortly before the attack a woman in her forties had got off a bus at the end of the lane near Buckton Vale in Tameside, Greater Manchester.

"She became aware she was being followed and doubled back," he said. "She had a very good look at the man, who had a very similar description to the rapist."

The victim, aged 28, was attacked on Monday afternoon as she walked with her son, aged two, and six-month-old daughter. The rapist threatened her with a knife which had an eight-inch serrated blade.

The mother succumbed only when she thought he would atack the children. She helped to compile yesterday's E-fit picture.



Wanted: the rapist

The rapist is described as white, aged 20-25, 5ft 6in tall, slim, with short dark hair and bushy eyebrows. He wore a camel-coloured fleece zipped jacket, blue jeans and walking boots with yellow top trim.

☐ A man wanted in connection with two attacks on a teenage student was named by police yesterday as Yousuf Ali, 23. Detectives believe that he is obsessed with the girl, whom he once knew casually.

The 19-year-old victim was raped twice in six hours at her home in Colchester, Essex. Eight days later she was beaten up at home and left unconscious.

Ali is described as 6ft tall, of Indian or Pakistani appearance, slim-built with short black hair, smartly dressed and well-spoken, and driving a black or dark blue VW Golf convertible. He is thought to live in North London, and may use other names.

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Suspicion falls on fishermen as RSPCA prepares to make use of tougher penalties

Men with clubs caught on film near seal killings

By Paul Wilkinson

A PHOTOGRAPH of three men carrying clubs, taken shortly before grey seals were found battered to death on coastal rocks, was being studied by RSPCA officials yesterday.

The illegal killing of at least seven seals at the resort of Filey in east Yorkshire over the past month has enraged many local people. Suspicion has fallen on local fishermen, who often complain that seals take the salmon they rely on for a living.

Fishermen's organisations along the coast have declined to comment on the deaths. Several residents have telephoned the RSPCA with possible identities of the culprits. One provided the snapshot of the three men.

The RSPCA officer leading the investigation, Deputy Chief Inspector Geoff Edmond, said: "We will check these tips out and examine the photograph very closely. At the moment I am gathering evidence and I hope soon to be able to present a file to the police for further action.

"The people responsible for this should know they are not just facing a fine of a few pounds. Under the new Wild Mammals (Protection) Act, which became law only last month, they could be fined up to £5,000 and jailed for six months."

The seal carcasses have been found on and around Filey Brigg, a rocky promontory that juts several hundred yards out to sea from the resort's extensive beaches. Several had been bludgeoned to death, one had been slit open along its stomach and another ripped with a fisherman's gaff, a large hook on a long pole used for landing big fish.

"These are classic cases of what the new law was introduced to prevent," Mr Edmond said. "Whatever the rights and wrongs of seals taking fish, this is no way for any animal to die. It is sickening what has been done to them. The Act specifically says these are unlawful ways of killing.

"My immediate concern is to ensure no more killings take place. The Brigg is a popular place for seals to take a rest but it is also easy for the killers to get at them.

"I know fishermen are always complaining about losing fish to seals, but this is not a normal occurrence. Clearly someone somewhere does not like seals."

The alarm was raised by a woman out walking with her teenage daughter on the Brigg. Marie Sweeting, 45, told wildlife experts at the Sea Life Centre, seven miles away in Scarborough, which called in the police and the RSPCA.

Mrs Sweeting said that she saw three men with bait and heavy sticks. "One of them said words to the effect that they were going to 'see to' the seals."

She took her daughter away immediately but when her friend Damon Taylor visited the site the next day, he found a seal dead on the rocks with its head battered in.

Simon Foster of the centre has seen five dead animals. He said: "I have seen some severe injuries inflicted on animals by the sea, but in all my years in working with seals I have never seen anything like this. It was barbarous."

Two of the men pictured on the Yorkshire coast where the carcasses of grey seals were found

KEITH MEATHERINGHAM

Marie Sweeting yesterday above Filey Brigg, where she had been walking before alerting wildlife officials

Film star is likely to make perfect recovery

By A Staff Reporter

FAMILY and friends of the actor Timothy Spall said yesterday that they expected him to recover fully from his serious illness.

The television, film and stage star is in hospital for what his agent, Peter Froggatt, called "extensive treatment". Mr Froggatt refused to confirm a report that doctors had diagnosed leukaemia.

"Tim and his family decided they did not want to go into details," he said. "Tim is fine and in good spirits, but he has been in hospital for a few days. We expect him to make a perfect recovery but we can't say how long it will take."

The statement issued by the family said that they appreciated the public's interest but wanted his privacy to be respected. It added: "Peace and quiet is essential for his well being."

Spall's brother Richard, who runs a pub in Guildford, Surrey, said: "This is a family thing. There is no reason for the public to know any more."

The actor's illness was made public this week when he failed to attend the Cannes Film Festival, where the Mike Leigh film *Secrets and Lies*, in which he has a leading role, won the Palme d'Or.

Spall, 39, is married with three children and lives in Forest Hill, south London. He specialises in playing ordinary characters and first found fame as boring Barry from Birmingham, a builder in *Auf Wiedersehen Pet*. He also starred in *Frank Stubbs Promotes* and *Outside Edge*.

Spall: did not attend Cannes Film Festival

Daily drug offers lucky break for victims of fragile bones

MEDICAL BRIEFING

The bent old woman, stick in hand, who taps her way along the pavement is all too likely to have been the petite student that 50 years earlier enthralled her contemporaries with her appearance and prowess on the games field and dance floor.

Post-menopausal osteoporosis can reduce the nimblest gymnast to incapacity in later life. Women athletes, because of the hormonal upset those sporting activities produce, are particularly liable to suffer badly from osteoporosis. Fragility of the bones plagues most older women after their oestrogen supplies have failed at the menopause. Men too suffer from osteoporosis but usually it starts at a later age.

Osteoporosis is more than an inconvenience that makes it difficult for older women to reach the upper kitchen shelves or gives them a disabling chronic backache. It is also a killer, because a fragile bone is liable to fracture. A broken hip not only means a long period in hospital but all too often leads to lethal complications. In one recent survey a fifth of women who had had a fractured hip died within a year.

Rheumatologists, orthopaedic surgeons and experts from a host of allied specialties gathered in Amsterdam this week for a meeting of the World Congress on Osteoporosis. One of the papers delivered was on the use of Fosamax alendronate in the prevention of hip, spine, wrist and other fractures. Fosamax is taken by mouth as a once-daily dose for several years. Hormone replacement therapy (HRT) is a standard way of preventing osteoporosis; it has the advantage of reducing the incidence of heart disease and possibly strokes, as well as loss of bone density and fragility, but the disadvantage of increasing the likelihood of breast cancer.

Fortunately the proportion of women who will develop breast cancer is small. But in up to a third of those treated, the advantages of HRT have to be weighed against irritability and irrational behaviour which it induces in this minority of women every month.

Fosamax is an alternative to HRT. Regrettably it does not have a beneficial effect on heart disease or strokes or preserve a youthful genitalia, but it does not increase the chance of breast cancer or cause regular vaginal bleeding — and hence there is no PMT. It has only been used for a comparatively few years but apart from the occasional case of indigestion does not seem to cause serious side-effects.

It may prove to be of an immense advantage to those women who are either reluctant to take HRT or for whom it is not recommended because of a family history of breast disease or ovarian cancer.

An important aspect of the research reported in Amsterdam was that an American trial in which Fosamax was given to more than 2,000 women between 55 and 80 showed that it had a dramatic effect on the fracture rate. Women taking Fosamax had a 46 per cent reduction in the rate of spinal fractures, a 51 per cent lower risk of a hip fracture and a 44 per cent reduction in wrist fractures. In addition the women lost height at half the rate of their contemporaries.

As at least a third of European women will develop a fracture after the menopause that can be attributed to osteoporosis, time may well show that Fosamax becomes a drug that is considered for use in all those cases for those women who are unable to have HRT.

Trials are now under way to study its effect in men, so that in a few years the spectacle of the once athletic rowing giant who shrivels to the size of a jockey may pass into history.

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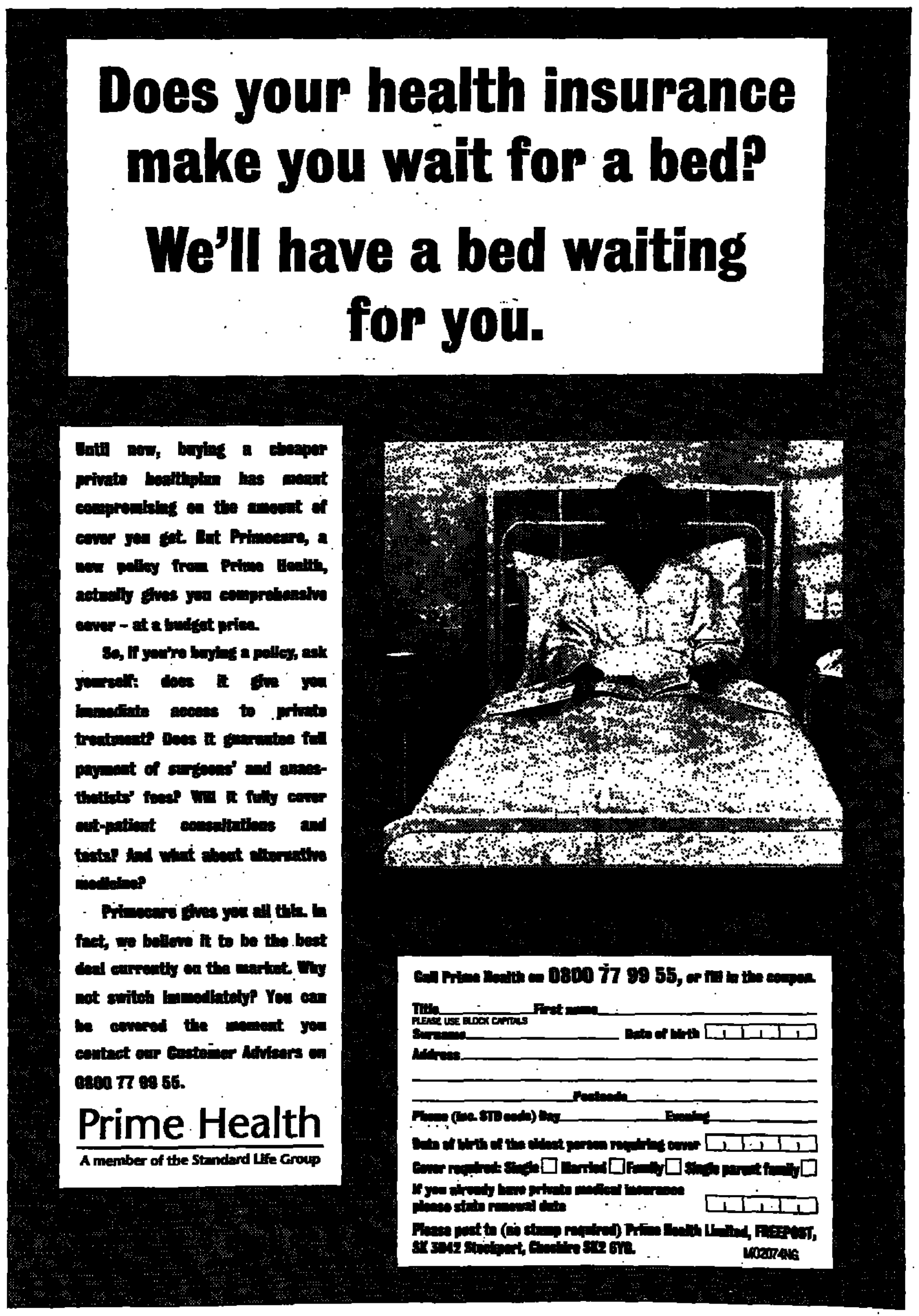
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Water chiefs urge gardeners to buy plants of the Med

By Tim Jones

GARDENERS on the South Coast have been warned to concentrate on plants more suited to semi-arid Mediterranean climes.

More than 200,000 householders who from yesterday face an indefinite ban on the use of water sprinklers have been sent a booklet ominously illustrated by a giant cactus. It tells them they are in the middle of the worst drought in living memory and advises them to concentrate on growing plants that flourish in dry conditions.

While the area affected, which includes Brighton, Hove, Shoreham, Lewes, Worthing, Littlehampton and Arundel, is not yet in danger of being turned into a dust bowl, there are already signs of dry, parched grass.

Southern Water says the ban is necessary because the shortage of rain has made the situation far more critical even than in the seemingly endless summer of 1976.

The area was hoping for twice the average rainfall of 6.3in for March, April and May but only 2.6in fell from a grudging sky. In addition, some of the huge underground aquifers from which Sussex obtains its supplies were, at the beginning of the year, nearly 46ft below their normal level.

Gardeners have been told to change their ways because of the huge amounts of water their sprinklers can use while they enjoy an evening gin and tonic. In just one hour, a sprinkler, regarded in any event as an indiscriminate aid, can spray 300 gallons, as much as a family of four would expect to use in two days.

To help gardeners to cope with the prospect of seeing their prized flower beds wilt and die, a free booklet, written by the television gardening expert Richard Jackson, says cheerfully that certain plants thrive in dry soil.

It adds: "Don't forget that most herbs come from Mediterranean countries and positively flourish in hot, dry summers. What's more, in conditions like this, they tend to taste better too."

Gardeners who once took pride in the rich, lovingly prepared soil between flowers are advised to cover the gaps by introducing ground-cover plants to shade the soil and prevent the loss of moisture. "Once memorably described as the harassed gardener's secret weapon, they're the most cost-effective and certainly the prettiest way of filling any gaps between plants."

Shape of 1996: booklet from Southern Water

The hot southern sun, the booklet implies, sucks up moisture in much the same way as an alcoholic downs cans of extra-strength lager.

Gardeners are told that washing-up water and bathwater are precious commodities that they can slosh with confidence onto their lawns and established plants. Waste water must not, however, be used on vegetables and plants in containers.

Other tips include the regular hoeing of weed seedlings to prevent them from stealing water, setting up windbreaks to prevent loss of moisture, installing water butts and using organic matter as a mulch to keep soil moisture retentive and to prevent evaporation.

The booklet lists a number of plants worth planting that are likely to flourish in dry conditions. Suggestions for shrubs in dry sunny positions include the yucca, sage and lavender. Hardy perennials for dry shade include Alchemilla (lady's mantle) and Ajuga (bugles) while recommended hardy perennials for sunny spots include poppies Helianthemum (rock rose) and pinks. Useful ground-cover plants include hardy garden geraniums, Lamium, Sedum, catmint, Pulmanaria and periwinkles.

Stuart Derwent, water services managing director, said: "The restriction is necessary to safeguard supplies in the home. By preventing their use we hope to avoid more serious shortages later. We don't like these bans any more than the next person but we do have a legal duty to give priority to drinking water."

Visitors to the area should not despair that the beautiful municipal gardens of Brighton and other resorts will be turned into cacti beds.

Local authorities use water that is not fit for human consumption, so while all around cacti may bloom and herbs thrive on dry soil, council-owned gardens, at least, will forever remain a traditional and verdant part of old England.

Sooty goes hand in glove with Japanese for £1.4m

By Adrian Lee

GRANADA TELEVISION

End of a family tradition: Matthew Corbett is parting company with Sooty, bottom left, Sweep, Sue and Scampi

JAPANESE investors have decided to bank on a bear market by spending £1.4 million to acquire the worldwide rights to Sooty. They hope to transform him into an international star.

The original glove puppet cost 36p when his first owner, Harry Corbett, bought him in a toy shop 44 years ago. His son Matthew has sold the rights after his own children said they had no intention of continuing the family tradition.

Fans of Sooty were assured yesterday that hopes of super-stardom will not go to his head. A spokesman for the new owners, the merchant bank Guinness Mahon, a subsidiary of the Bank of Yokohama, said: "We are not going to put Sooty in Raybans or anything like that."

One important issue is whether the puppet — who has previously spoken in inaudible whispers — should be given a voice.

The deal also involves Sooty's friends Sweep the dog, Soo the panda, cousin Scampi, and Matthew Corbett, who will continue to work with the bear until 1998, advising his new owners. Sooty's future is likely to include a new television series, merchandising, cartoons and endorsements.

His new owners have already achieved rewards from investing in Thomas the Tank Engine. Simon Turner, of Guinness Mahon, said: "The Japanese went crazy for Thomas.

"Sooty already has a very loyal following but has the potential to be developed much further. He has cross-generational appeal. But he is a classic character and we are not going to change him too much." American trends are towards traditional characters and away from fighting robots, Mr Turner said.

The puppet already generates a revenue of £1 million a year, of which £300,000 is profit. Matthew Corbett became his puppetmaster in 1977 and had hoped to hand control to one of his own children. They had other aspirations. Ben, 24, is in a rock band; Tamsin, 22, hopes to become a teacher and Joe, 19, plans a medical career. Mr Corbett said: "It's time for Sooty to stand on his own two feet.

"The plan is to use my 50th birthday in two years' time as a springboard to shoot Sooty to stardom. My wife Sally and I are delighted with the deal."

The deal consists of £1.1 million to buy the rights and £300,000 to market the character. Mr Corbett said he did not have the funds to develop the bear's potential himself, and Guinness Mahon had said Sooty would not be over-exploited. The puppeteer said: "We are very anxious that he does not become a one-year wonder like the Ninja Turtles.

"The choice was to sell Sooty or simply stop. I am thrilled because I was worried no one would want to buy him. In the end I had several choices."

He had no regrets that his children would not take over. "Sooty is so big, I would not wish him on any individual. My father would be proud as punch because I am doing with my life what I want to."

Founding father: Harry Corbett

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Cuddly friends in peril from peers

THE lunchtime calm of the House of Lords was ruffled yesterday when Labour peers launched an unprecedented attack on five defenceless creatures (James Landale writes).

Luminaries such as Baroness Castle of Blackburn, the former Cabinet Minister, and Lord Dubs paused from their regular scrutiny of Government and unleashed a torrent of political invective against Muffin the Mule, Sooty, Stingray, the Clangers and Dangermouse.

Lady Castle was protesting at the decision by the Royal Mail to celebrate 50 years of children's television by displaying the characters on a special stamp issue this autumn. She was angry that requests to mark the centenary of the death of William Morris, the Victorian poet, designer and socialist, with a similar stamp issue had been ignored.

Lady Castle demanded that Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, the Trade Minister, called the Royal Mail to account and reversed this "absurd" preference. "Do not you agree with me in deploring this philistine decision?" she asked.

Lord Fraser replied that he understood the choice was made to encourage children to become interested in stamp collecting. "That is entirely a commercial decision for the Post Office," he said.

Vegetarians have pick of the crop

By Robin Young

WEEKEND SHOPPING

THIS is National Vegetarian Week, and Asda is among the stores distributing easy-to-follow vegetarian recipes. The Vegetarian Society has been handling thousands of inquiries every day since the BSE alert began, and the vegetarian market is now worth well over £400 million a year. All the supermarkets are promoting alternatives to meat, such as Quorn — which is not, however, accepted by the Vegetarian Society as vegetarian, because the eggs it uses are not free-range. Quorn burgers are nonetheless the country's bestselling frozen non-meat burgers.

Announced promotions include:

Asda: Quorn quarter pounders 99p for four, loose mushrooms 99p lb, beef stewing steak £3.38 kg, braising steak £3.58 kg, Galia melons 89p each, rose bouquets £2.99 for 10 stems.

Budgens: mixed salad and peppers 99p for 300g, potato salad 29p ¼ lb, fresh chicken leg portions £2.29 kg, St Ivel Shape yogurts £1.89 for 8 x 125g.

Co-op: grated low fat cheese £1.29 for 250g, fresh turkey breast steaks £3.29 for four, fresh whole medium chicken £3.79, grapefruit juice 95p ltr.

Harrods: prawn delice £2.95 each, bean and mushroom salad 95p for 100g, Iceberg lettuces 49p each, Umbrian truffle cheese £31.95 kg.

Iceland: southern fried chicken £2.59 for 794g, mushroom and garlic filled chicken £1.49 for two, crunchy fish sticks £1.49 for 24, cauliflower £1.79 for 1.8kg, baby carrots 69p for 907g.

Marks & Spencer: thin base pizza selection £1.99 for 315g, freshly squeezed orange juice £1.99 ltr, Aberdeen Angus mince £5.59 kg, two Caledonian salmon fillets £3.99 for 283g, Belgian chocolates £6.99 for 350g, English strawberries £1.99 for 240g punnet.

Morrisons: fresh turkey sausages 95p for 340g, Scotch eggs 99p for three, coley fillet £2.40 kg, Birds Eye garden peas £1.52 for 907g.

Safeway: chicken £4.99 for 2.27kg, cauliflower 59p each, Jersey Royal potatoes 29p lb, cherry tomatoes 99p lb, white seedless grapes 89p lb.

Sainsbury's: boneless pork shoulder joints £2.18 kg, small tomatoes 95p for 500g, broccoli 49p lb, Iceberg lettuces 49p each, Galia melons £1.19 each, oranges £1.19 for eight.

Somerfield: fresh forerib of beef £3.92 kg, tomatoes 38p lb, peppers 99p lb, red grapefruit 29p each, sweetcorn £1.15 for two, dwarf beans 99p for 250g.

Tesco: sirloin steak £9.69 kg, medium Galia melons 99p each, Iceberg lettuces 49p each, spinach 49p for 250g.

Waitrose: lemon and pepper chicken £2.79 for 300g, avocado pears 29p each, Jersey new potatoes 49p lb, sweetcorn 99p for two, mixed salad £1.49 for 350g, Galia melons £1.49 each.

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Let judges make punishment fit the crime, says Taylor

BY FRANCES GIBB AND RICHARD FORD

THE introduction of minimum sentencing proposed by the Government would subvert the function of the courts with grave consequences, the Lord Chief Justice said yesterday.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth condemned the statistics on which Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, had based his proposals. "The shallow and untested figures in the White Paper do not describe fairly and clearly the problems the Government seeks to address — still less do they justify the radical solutions it proposes," he told peers.

Lord Taylor, who is retiring because of ill-health, delivered his parting blow at a specially arranged debate in the Lords. He marked out the lines of battle between the Home Secretary and the judiciary, which now looks certain to be joined when Mr Howard introduces a Bill this autumn.

But the strength of the opposition raises doubts over whether the Government will get its proposals through before the general election. Peer after peer lined up to support Lord Taylor, who denied his assault was prompted by any personal animosity towards the Home Secretary.

The Government's White Paper, *Protecting the Public*, puts forward minimum sentences of three years for third-time burglars and seven years for third-time drug dealers along the lines of the American-style "three strikes and you're out" model.

But Lord Taylor said it amounted to a "jettisoning" by ministers of their own promise in another White Paper six years ago. Then they rejected a system of minimum or mandatory life sentences for certain offences.

He attacked as a meaningless palliative the proposed "escape clause" introduced into the White Paper, which allowed judges to depart from the minimum sentences in "genuinely exceptional cases". This would result in the "worst of both worlds".

What was an "exceptional case"? If judges construed it tightly, it would have little effect and become a dead letter. If they construed it broadly, they would be accused of "driving a coach and horses" through the provision and thwarting Parliament.

"More fundamentally, the proposal subverts the function of the court which is to sentence according to the justice of each individual case, not to see whether it can be accommodated within a narrow exception and otherwise to take a sentence off the shelf." In an appeal to Mr Howard to think again, he said: "Judges need the ability to tailor the sentence to the offence — to make the punishment fit the crime."

Mr Howard and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, who responded for the Government in the debate, defended the proposals. Mr Howard that the public needed more protection and that many persistent burglars felt that a short spell in prison was an "occupational hazard". They should be given "a stiff minimum sentence".

Lord Mackay said that the Government's case was a powerful one. The automatic life sentences were being brought for serious offences so that there would be some way of deciding when the offender was safe for release. At present they were let out automatically. But the proposal would ensure that the decision rested with the Parole Board. "We should not leave it to a judge at the time of sentence to decide, with no second thoughts, when it will be safe to release this sort of offender."

Lord Taylor accepted the "real public concern" that a tiny minority of dangerous criminals could at present be released while still a danger to the public. But he said: "It is not possible to justify a wholesale changeover to a regime of mandatory sentences . . . simply by scaremongering about a very small number of offenders who could in any event be dealt with in another way."

Lord Carr of Hadley, a former Tory Home Secretary, urged the Government to think again. The proposals "overturn the principles and philosophies" of its own 1991 Criminal Justice Act, which were the policies not of another party but of a Tory government in which Mr Howard was a minister.

"I really do not think, that the Government can, on such a vital matter, go into reverse like that without explaining to Parliament and the public at large why were were so fundamentally wrong six years ago and why they are now so fundamentall right."

Lord Donaldson of Lymington, former Master of the Rolls, said Michael Howard had given a clear message to the public that judges were not to the trusted. "That's what it amounts to. It is an unprecedented attitude for a government to take: and it is deplorable as it is unprecedented."

Lord Windlesham, a former Home Office minister and former chairman of the Parole Board, said that everyone could share the objectives of the White Paper. But he added: "I am bound to say that the essentially punitive strategy it sets out, in my view, is misconceived and is likely to prove counter-productive if it were to be enacted."

Lord Taylor speaking yesterday. He said the Government's proposals were based on dubious and flimsy evidence

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Lib Dems monitor Major's EU ploy

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE Liberal Democrats have set up a unit to monitor the effects of Britain's policy of non co-operation with Europe.

A convention on insolvency proceedings, which speeds up payments to creditors of EU complanies that go bankrupt, will be the first target. British businesses are excluded from payouts because of the Government's refusal to sign up to the convention.

The Liberal Democrats will catalogue all cases shere British firms suffer. They will also analyse the effects of Britain's failure to sign up to any other European laws.

Charles Kennedy, the party's spokesman on Europe, said the unit would monitor the negative effects of John Major's "schoolyard sabre-rattling" until co-operation was restored. The insolvency convention, first mooted in 1966, had the support of organisations such as the Confederation of British Industry.

"The benefit from the convention to British companies trading abroad would have been immense," he said. "It will prevent financial disaster for companies in other EU companies trading with each other. I hope John Major will question the wisdom of his campaign the next time a British company is plunged into turmoil due to the unpaid credit of a foreign company."

'Authoritarian' Blair angers Labour activists

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR activists have clashed with Tony Blair over his "authoritarian leadership", which they believe is causing deep and irreversible splits in the party.

The disaffected supporters have formed a new opposition group and are prepared to cause havoc with new Labour unless Mr Blair returns to a more traditional, socialist, agenda. The group, Labour Reform, said: "Labour supporters outside Islington are feeling deeply miffed about the way things are going without their consultation."

But yesterday Mr Blair made it clear there would be no compromising with party rebels. He insisted that a centralising policy was necessary for Labour to win the general election.

In an interview with the *Evening Standard*, he said: "People have been telling me ever since the change began in the Labour Party: 'You will never manage it, the party will fall apart, everyone will disagree'. It hasn't happened and it won't happen and nothing in recent days makes me think other than that."

Mr Blair denied that the party was beginning to fray round the edges. "Of course there will be those who resist change but people have resisted the changes that I have been making in the Labour Party over the past two years. In the end change will be driven by me, of course. But it will also be driven by the overwhelming view of the Labour Party that modernisation is right."

He warned the rebels that winning the election should be their first aim and added: "If we are elected, the Labour government will be an unhesitating new Labour government. That is without any doubt at all."

Labour Reform rejects the argument that they should not speak out for fear of jeopardising the party's election prospects. More than 200 people have joined the group, mainly Labour councillors from London, Oxford, Birmingham, Stoke on Trent, Stafford, Sheffield and Salford. They will start writing to all councillors next week and will hold a meeting next month.

The group complains that small groups of right-wing Labour radicals are "constructing a populist, plebiscitary model for the party in complete opposition to its traditions".

Andy Howell, a Birmingham councillor and chairman of Labour Reform, said that the party was in danger of losing touch with its roots. Many loyal supporters who had served the party for years were now refusing to take part in fundraising.

He said: "The Clause Four debate may be well and truly over, but there is still a serious dilemma over the future structure of the party. Mr Blair is almost single handedly fundamentally altering the character of Labour and he has totally lost touch with anyone outside the Metropolis."

Tim Pendry, the vice-chairman, warned Mr Blair: "Our research, our membership, is telling us that we're representing a lot of people out there who're feeling very miffed with the way things are going. And they are deeply loyal to the party and to Mr Blair and he should bring us in to his world view. He should understand that, that loyalty, that love, is not unconditional."

Spin-doctors 'are poisoning politics'

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR was warned by one of his former chief lieutenants yesterday that the turbulence in the Labour leadership had been caused by his own spin-doctors planting stories about Shadow Cabinet splits.

Joy Johnson, who used to be Labour's director of communications, launched a thinly disguised attack on Peter Mandelson, one of Mr Blair's most trusted confidants. Writing in *New Statesman & Society*, she said: "There are many causes for the decline in the esteem in which politicians are held but spin-doctors and their clients must take responsibility for obscuring the language of politics and for trivialising its content. They are slowly dripping poison into the body politic."

The article, the first since she left her Labour Party post in January, was seen at Westminster last night as her long-awaited revenge on Mr Mandelson, the MP for Hartlepool. Ms Johnson, a close ally of Gordon Brown, quit after being frozen out of key decisions by Mr Mandelson and Alastair Campbell, the leader's press secretary.

The Times revealed two weeks ago that Mr Brown and Mr Mandelson had not been on personal speaking terms for 18 months and that Mr Blair was so concerned about the impact on his election strategy that he was trying to broker a reconciliation.

Ms Johnson, a former BBC political news editor, who has returned to broadcasting, wrote that spin-doctors were the "bastard offspring of this lobby system where the unattributable briefing becomes fact", and that they should be "brought to heel".

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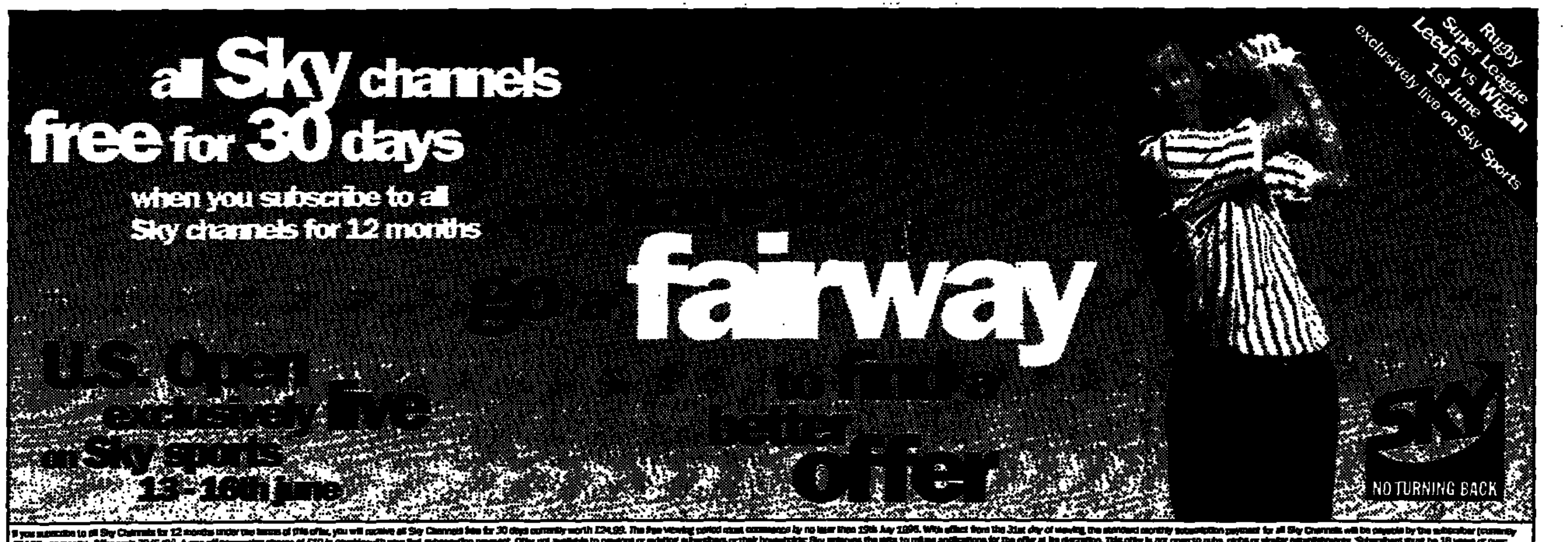
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COVERPLAN

Americans seize Chinese in arms smuggling 'sting'

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

FEDERAL agents arrested representatives of China's two main government arms companies in California yesterday after an 18-month "sting" operation and America's biggest seizure of smuggled automatic weapons.

Beginning on Wednesday night, nearly 100 federal agents fanned out across San Francisco to capture the Chinese dealers and their American associates and to charge them with smuggling into the United States 2,000 automatic AK47 rifles worth $4 million (£2.65 million) on the black market. Jamie Gorelick, the Deputy Attorney-General, called the Chinese arms ring a very serious matter and seven men were due to appear in court last night.

The "sting" was led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), which duped the Chinese into believing they were selling weapons to American gangs. The Chinese apparently were also offering anti-aircraft missiles and explosives. They promised "all the weapons you could ever imagine", one federal source said.

The dealers worked for Poly Technologies and Norinco, two pillars of China's military-industrial complex with close ties to the country's political and military leadership. The president of Poly Technologies was for several years He Ping, son-in-law of China's supreme leader, Deng Xiaoping.

It was not clear immediately whether the dealers were acting with Peking's approval or freelancing for personal profit, but one source noted that they were "people in a position to deliver substantial arms and are not lower-level flunkies". Either way the arrests were bound to exacerbate Sino-American tensions and complicate further President Clinton's efforts to win congressional approval for continuing China's preferential trading status.

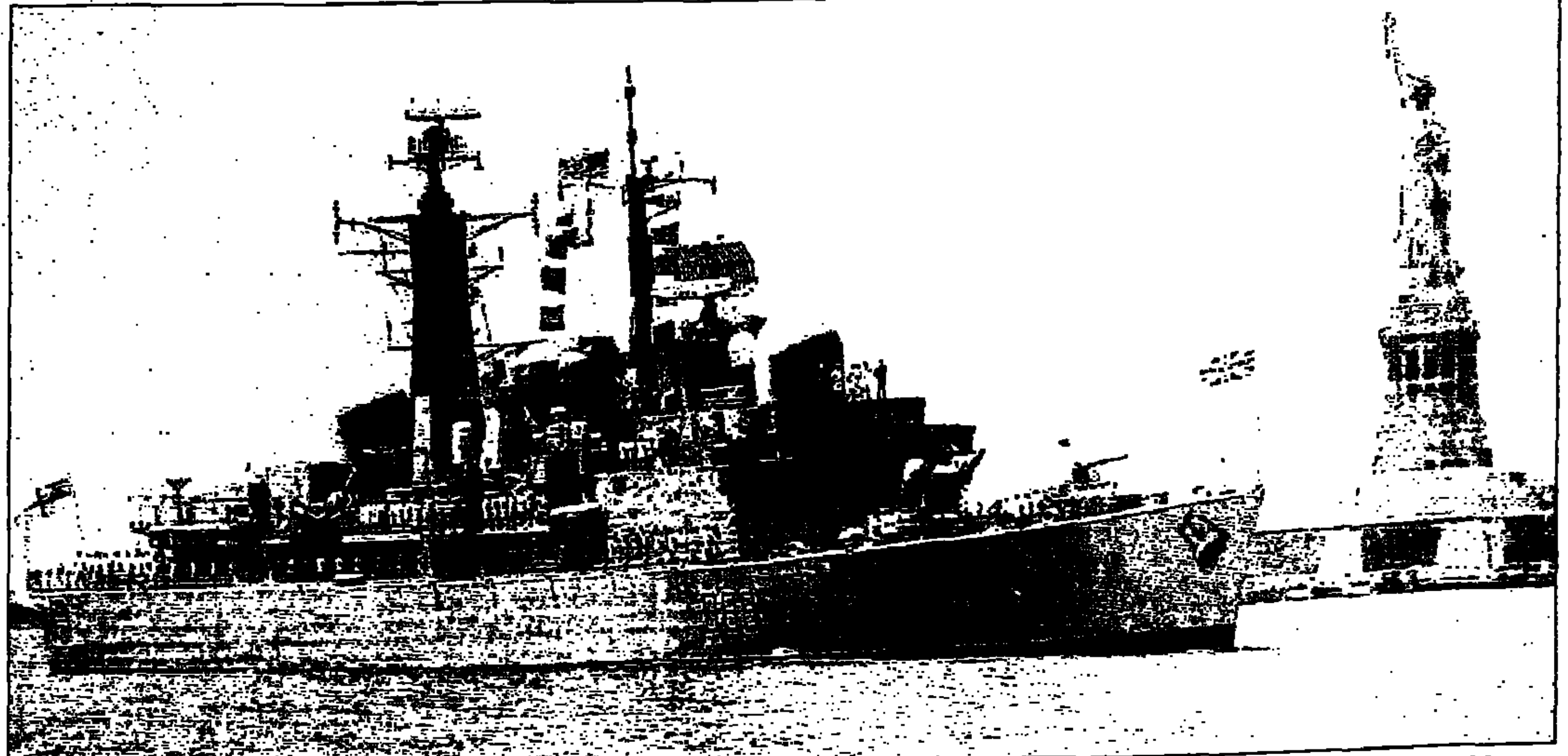
The two countries are on the brink of a trade war over Chinese piracy of American music, films and software, and on Wednesday the Administration said that it had protested vigorously against Chinese attempts to buy lethal Russian missile technology that would enable it to threaten American cities.

"It is hard to know if it is worse that they are trying to buy nuclear weapons technology or sell guns on American streets," an exasperated State Department official said. "Either way they do not make it any easier for us to stabilise the relationship."

The "sting" began in 1994 when federal agents in San Francisco set out to discover how gangs obtained their *illegal weapons: they were told* the answer was Chinese arms suppliers. That December an ATF agent posing as a Miami arms smuggler was said to have been introduced to one of the arrested dealers, Hammond Ku. Two months later Mr Ku produced five automatic weapons to prove he could deliver on a promise of machineguns, rocket launchers and other weapons.

In January and February this year, the ATF wired nearly $270,000 via Hong Kong to a Peking account as a down-payment. On March 18, a Chinese vessel steamed into Oakland harbour, where it unloaded 112 wooden crates containing the AK47s. The ATF tipped off US Customs, which let the crates through, and a few days later paid the balance.

The ATF had intended to continue the operation in order to lure more senior Chinese officials to America, but brought it to a premature close when the *Los Angeles Times* and *The New York Times* got wind of it.



A Type 42 destroyer, *HMS Glasgow*, sails past the Statue of Liberty and up the Hudson River yesterday for the start of New York's Fleet Week. Among Royal Navy ships accompanying her were the aircraft carrier *HMS Illustrious* and the frigate *HMS Cumberland*. British Harrier jump jets will give a public display tomorrow. Some crew members had different interests: "Women, pubs and clubs," said one

Netanyahu vows to send troops into West Bank

From Christopher Walker
in Jerusalem

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU, right-wing challenger for the post of Israeli Prime Minister in Wednesday's election, made clear yesterday that if elected he would order Israeli security forces to re-enter Arab-run areas of the West Bank and Gaza Strip now policed by armed Palestinian police.

The hardline pledge came in interviews with the Likud leader and the incumbent Labour Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, published to mark the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. It has raised fresh fears that a Likud victory could spark fighting between Israeli troops and the Palestinian police, many of whom have pledged to resist attempts by the Israeli Army to return to autonomous areas evacuated under terms of the 1993 peace accord.

"All hell will break loose. It means the end of the peace process as we know it," Shlomo Avineri, a respected former director-general of the Foreign Ministry, said when asked what a Netanyahu victory would bring.

Questioned by the mass-circulation *Yediot Ahronot* how he would live up to his campaign promise to improve the security of Israelis, whose lives have been shattered by a series of Islamic suicide bombs, Mr Netanyahu said: "Perhaps we do not have an absolute answer, perhaps we do not have the ability to seal hermetically the entrance of an individual terrorist, but we have the power to change the reality in which we live. Terror has succeeded in the last four years because the Government has provided it city sanctuaries, with the help of the Palestinian Authority."

The paper then asked: "Will you go into Nablus [the largest Palestinian-controlled city in the West Bank] and the Gaza Strip?" Mr Netanyahu, whose Cabinet would include such noted hawks as former generals Ariel Sharon and Rafael Eitan, replied: "Definitely."

In a contrasting interview, Mr Peres offered a different prospect to voters, at least 10 per cent of whom are still "undecided". Mr Peres said: "I have a doubt about whether a peace agreement can be reached with Syria without returning to them all of the Golan Heights. In any event, we have always said that we are prepared to make territorial compromises on the Golan Heights."

Rodents feel the wind of change

From Associated Press
in Amarillo, Texas

Prairie dog: sucked by vacuum from ground

USING a vacuum truck to suck prairie dogs from their holes, a pest control company is making a profitable round-up of the burrowing rodents which are prized as pets in Japan.

"These little guys are worth $700 (£460) apiece," said Gay Balfour, a co-owner of the company Dog Gone and inventor of the special vacuum.

Workers captured between three and four dozen prairie dogs yesterday using the vacuum, which noisily pulls the animals through a wide hose and into an enclosure. The vacuum pulls up lighter animals, leaving heavier adults alone.

"We're just taking the young ones," said company co-owner Dave Honaker. "They make good pets — they're real trainable and social animals." The company has been capturing the squirrel-like rodents, which grow to about a foot long, for five years.

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Japanese cult sent 'disciples to test killer gas on town'

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SHOKO ASAHARA, leader of the Aum Shinrikyo (Supreme Truth) cult, ordered disciples to mass produce deadly nerve gas and test its power in the streets of a town north of Tokyo in 1994, prosecutors alleged yesterday.

They said it was the start of a doomsday plot to wipe out untold numbers of innocent people. The prosecution described how obedient followers drove a lorry to the town of Matsumoto to release the sarin gas produced by scientists at the commune of the cult. The objective of the attack was to kill judges staying at a courthouse dormitory in the town, who were due to rule against the sect in a property lawsuit, as well as to test the power of the gas.

"The defendant planned an experiment to see the effect of sarin as a weapon of mass murder in densely populated urban centres," the prosecution told the Tokyo District Court. Seven people were killed and 144 injured in the experiment in June 1994. They were the unwitting guinea pigs in a rehearsal for the March 1995 attack on the Tokyo subway, in which 11 people died and more than 4,000 were injured.

Mr Asahara faces murder charges for the June 1994 gassing. Last month he made his initial court appearance on charges that he masterminded the Tokyo subway attack.

Yesterday the prosecutors also presented evidence that, at Mr Asahara's command, disciples built a sarin plant to produce 70 tonnes of the lethal Nazi-invented gas to wipe out the population of entire cities. They alleged that Mr Asahara also ordered the production of 1,000 automatic rifles and one million bullets in preparation for a bloody struggle to topple the Japanese Government.

They said Mr Asahara, 41, ordered the arms programme after he and his followers unsuccessfully ran in parliamentary elections in 1990. After the election humiliation, he decided the public should be subjected to his wrath.

Mr Asahara listened to the charges without a flicker of emotion. He again rebuffed requests to enter a plea, as he had done when the trial opened last month. "I have nothing to say," he defiantly told the panel of judges that is hearing the case. Japan does not have jury trials.

Later he appeared to doze off as prosecutors read from a long statement detailing their case. One of his lawyers poked him from behind to rouse him.

The trial is expected to take years to conclude and, if convicted on murder charges, the nearly blind religious leader could go to the gallows.

Besides the two sets of murder charges, he faces 15 others ranging from ordering the execution of rebellious followers to illegal drug and weapons manufacturing.

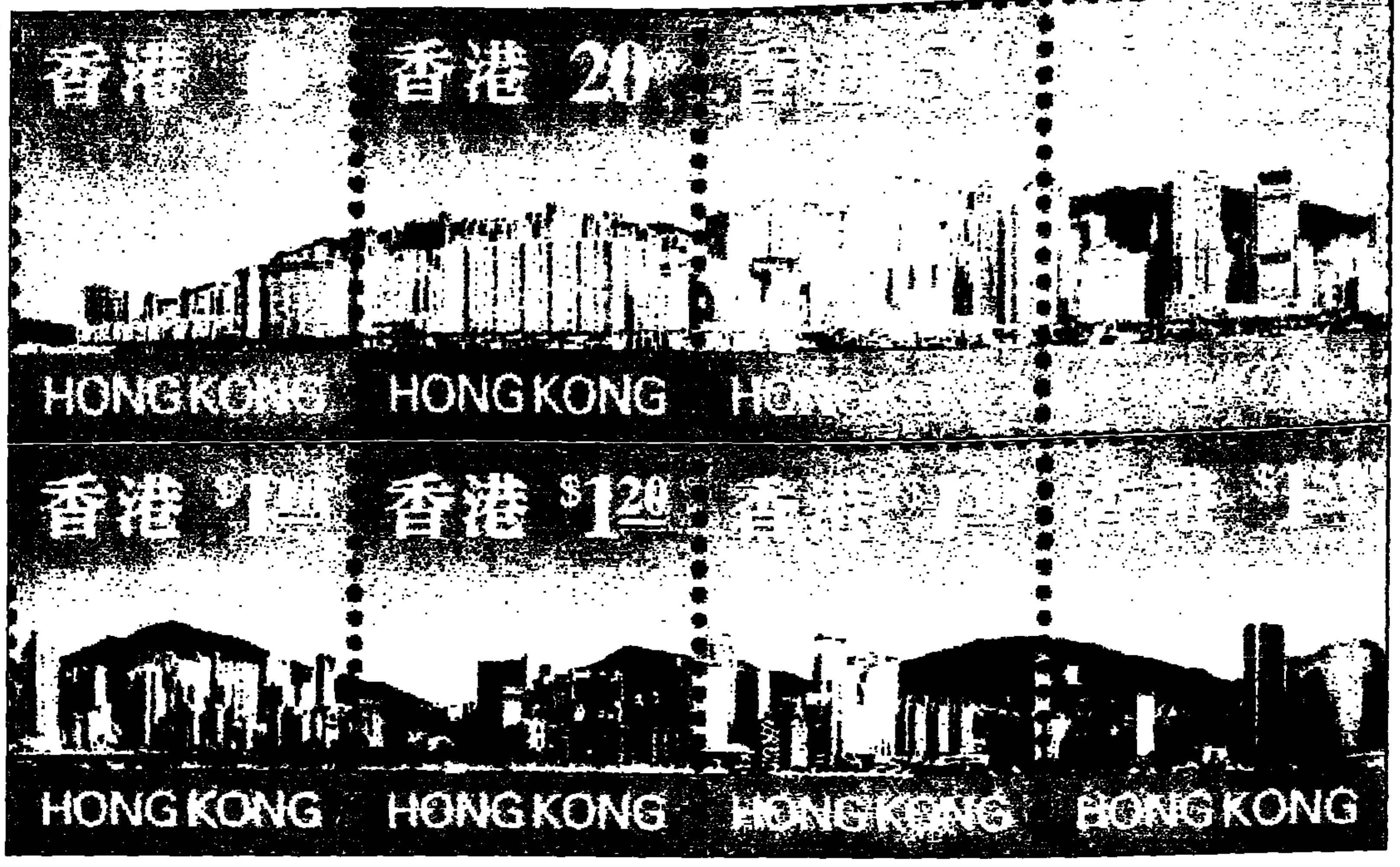
Public interest in the trial, while waning somewhat, remained high. About 3,000 people lined up for a lottery for about 50 public seats.

In the courtroom yesterday was Yoshiyuki Kono, 46, a resident of Matsumoto who had been falsely accused of the 1994 gassing. The prosecutors described how Mr Kono and his wife were watching television when his wife suddenly complained of feeling ill. On hearing a strange noise outside, he went out and found his two dogs in spasms and foaming at the mouth. When Mr Kono ran back indoors, his wife had collapsed. She is still in hospital, unable to move or speak.

Until his arrest, the revered Mr Asahara predicted that the world would come to an end next year, and only Aum Shinrikyo followers would escape annihilation.

Virtually all of the cult's top members — including Mr Asahara's wife — have been arrested for alleged crimes ranging from misdemeanours to helping to carry out the Tokyo subway murders.

Mr Asahara's next court appearance is set for June 20.



Off with the Queen's head as colony sets stamp on future

Designs for new Hong Kong stamps, above, in preparation for the colony's return to China next year were published yesterday (Jonathan Mirsky writes). Based on agreement between Britain and China, the set replaces the present stamps with the Queen's head, right, and shows the island's harbour side. New coins appeared last year, with the Queen's head replaced by the bauhinia orchid, the "national flower". The change is in line with action by several of the colony's institutions, though not the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, which have abandoned the "royal" in their titles.

Navy task force will evacuate last of Hong Kong garrison

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THREE warships from a Royal Navy task force due to deploy on a six-month tour of Australia and the Far East next year have been earmarked to divert to Hong Kong to evacuate the last elements of the British garrison before the handover to China.

A Ministry of Defence statement yesterday, which was cleared with the Chinese Government before it was released, said the ships would be "available" for the withdrawal from Hong Kong "on the transfer of sovereignty in June 1997".

Although the ministry has not yet decided which ships will be involved, it is expected that a destroyer or frigate with advanced communications equipment will command the evacuation programme, assisted by a landing ship — such as the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessels *Sir Lancelot* or *Sir Tristram* — and a second support frigate. The withdrawal programme and the handover ceremony are still being discussed with the Chinese Government. There is still no decision yet on whether the Royal Yacht *Britannia* will be sent on a last voyage before being decommissioned to ferry home Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong.

Yesterday's statement from Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, was the first time that the Government has disclosed any element of the planned withdrawal programme. Ministry of Defence sources said it was such a sensitive subject that even the general statement about warships being sent to Hong Kong had to be discussed with China.

The garrison on the British colony consists of about 1,400 army personnel. The resident battalion, the 1st Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles, is due to be replaced by the 1st Battalion Staffordshire Regiment in November. The last regiment to serve on the British colony, however, will be the Black Watch, which will be sent to Hong Kong in February.

Other units still serving in the colony at the handover period will be the Queen's Gurkha Transport Squadron and 6/7 Gurkha Field Squadron Royal Engineers, a total of about 400 men. The Black Watch Regiment of 650 men and the two other units will be taken off the island on to the landing ship to be returned to Britain.

Army sources said the Black Watch soldiers would go unaccompanied by their families to make the withdrawal easier to plan.

The three warships delegated to carry out the Hong Kong withdrawal will be part of Ocean Wave 97, codename for the deployment of a naval task force, led by the aircraft carrier, *HMS Illustrious*. The dozen ships involved will leave in January and will not return until August.

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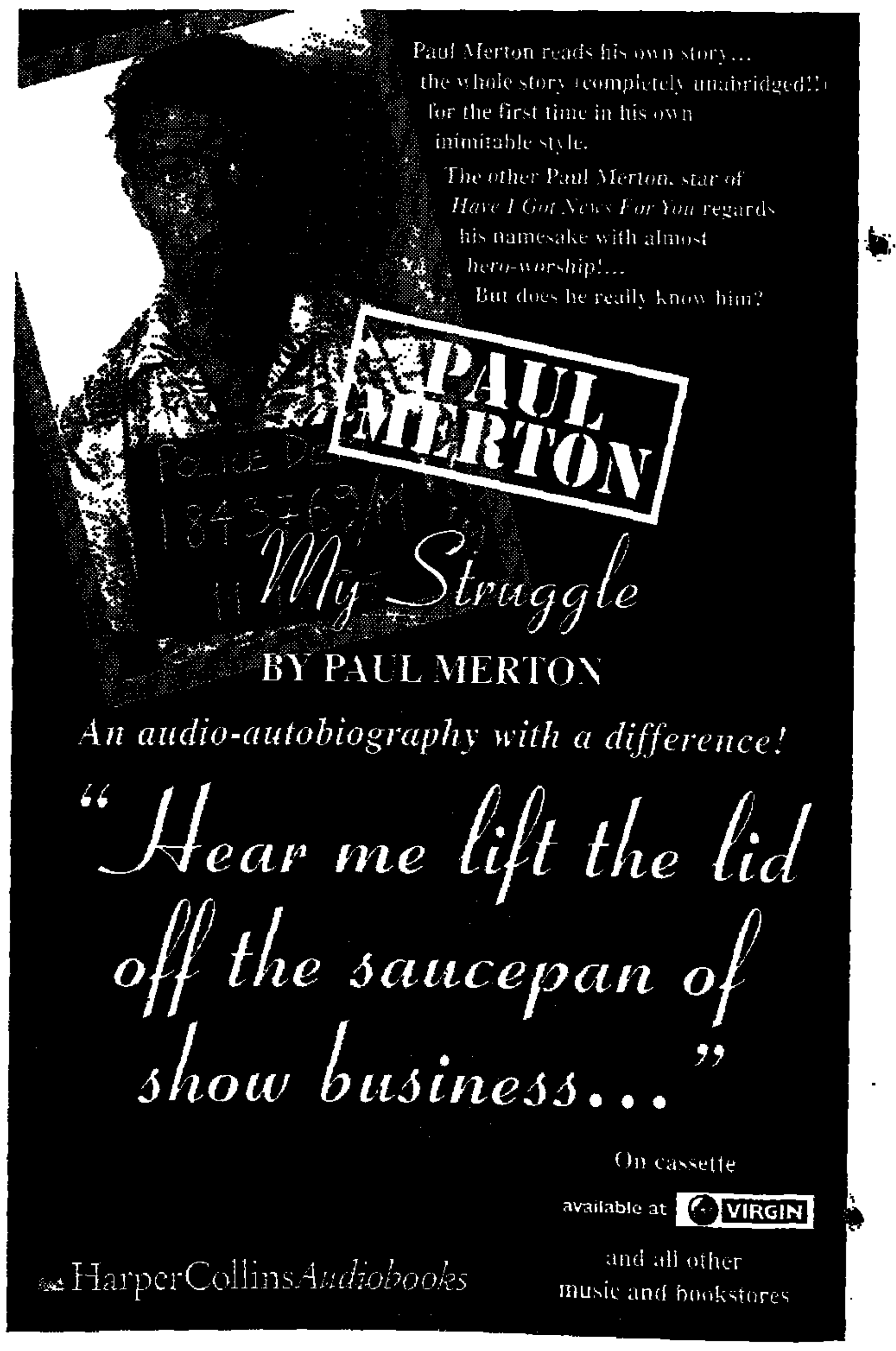

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London: Sir David Hannay, Britain's former permanent representative to the United Nations, has been appointed a special representative for Cyprus (Michael Binyon writes). Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, in making the announcement, said the status quo on the island, divided between Greek and Turkish communities, was inherently unstable and a concerted peace effort was needed.

French strike hits Eurostar

Paris: The Eurostar train service between Paris and London was disrupted by striking rail workers demanding a shorter working week (Ben Macintyre writes). Several Eurostar trains were blocked from entering the Gare du Nord as rail workers occupied the lines, forcing passengers to make the final leg of the journey by Metro.

Saudis reject retaliation

London: Saudi Arabia has agreed to put to one side its anger with Britain over Muhammad al-Masari, the dissident physicist (Michael Binyon writes). Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said the Government had received assurances that the Riyadh regime would not discriminate against British firms.

Help sent to French troops

Paris: France has flown armoured vehicles and other heavy equipment on board chartered cargo planes to back up its troops fighting an anti-government rebellion in the Central African Republic, military sources said. An estimated 2,500 French people live in the former colony. *(Reuter)*

Cuba traders face US ban

Miami: Washington is warning executives of foreign firms trading with Cuba that they could soon lose the right to enter the US as the Cuban Liberty Act, passed in March, is enforced (David Adams writes). Benetton, the Italian clothing company, is on the blacklist.

Indian guns force Kashmir voters to the ballot box

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN BARAMULA

THE Kashmir Valley's first elections in seven years yesterday undermined India's promise of a free and fair poll. People were forced out of their homes by soldiers and ordered to vote, producing an artificially high turnout. Most polls in Kashmir have been manipulated; this was no different.

Voters told the same story from polling station to polling station where long queues formed, watched by large numbers of soldiers or paramilitary forces. Villagers said they were forced out of their homes at gunpoint and warned by troops that they were expected to vote. People went to polling stations to obtain an indelible inkmark on their finger so they could prove they had done so.

India was determined to achieve a substantial voter turnout as proof that Kashmiri Muslims wished to remain Indian, but instead it has raised tensions in the valley with another farcical election. Voters had a choice only of pro-India parties and were thus not cajoled into voting in any particular way; the 30 parties in the valley supporting secession from India boycotted the poll.

Most of the valley was shut down, save for the polling process, because of a strike ordered by militants demonstrating their continuing hold over the population despite losing much of their support because of involvement in rapes and extortion. There is little militant activity any more inside Kashmir because of intense security operations.

Baramula and Anantnag voted yesterday; Srinagar, capital of the valley, votes next week. The official turnout in Baramula was last night put at 35 per cent and in Anantnag at 43 per cent. In parliamentary polls in 1989 the figures were around 5 per cent, a measure of how great the forced voting was this time.

The seats are unimportant in the struggle to form a government in Delhi after an inconclusive general election, but they are a crucial test of popular opinion in a region that has caused two wars between India and Pakistan. The blatant harassment of voters will play into Pakistan's hands; it is a propaganda disaster for India.

In the town of Baramula about 1,000 people took to the streets chanting anti-election and anti-India slogans, a rare mass protest in a region saturated with security forces.

Kashmiris complain of being trapped between two sets of guns: those of the security forces and those of the militants. The former ordered them to vote, the latter said they should not do so. Posters appeared in Baramula last week warning that anybody who voted would suffer dire punishment. It was signed Afghan Commandos, a small militant organisation.

Many people who refused to vote said they feared visits from security forces today to check if they had an inkmark on their fingers. "If they don't find the mark, we will be beaten. They will be very angry. This election is a farce," a local doctor said.

"Nobody wants to vote because that would legitimise India's occupation of Kashmir. Every man, woman and child is crying for *azadi* [freedom]. We want our independence back," he said.

It is unofficially estimated that India has 350,000 security forces in Kashmir, including those guarding the 1949 ceasefire line which divides the former kingdom between India and Pakistan. Officially another 50,000 were drafted in for the election; the real figure is probably double that.

The militant movement in Kashmir is in chaos because of the introduction of officially sponsored counter-insurgency groups that have gone on a killing spree to wipe out activists from separatist organisations. Most of the killing now is Kashmiri against Kashmiri; the armed forces are able to take a back seat.

Clinton pledges to ban gay marriages

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

PRESIDENT CLINTON has enraged America's homosexuals, among his strongest supporters in 1992, by saying that he intends to sign a Republican Bill outlawing same-sex "marriages".

"*This is capitulation to religious-political extremists,*" the Human Rights Campaign, America's main homosexual pressure group, said. The group withdrew an invitation to George Stephanopoulos, a White House adviser, to address a San Francisco dinner.

The Defence of Marriage Act, co-sponsored by Bob Dole, was "a ploy by the floundering Dole-for-President campaign to drive a wedge between the gay community and President Clinton", the protesters said, "and it is very disappointing that he has felt the need to take the politically expedient way out."

David Mixner, a California fundraiser and one of Mr Clinton's most prominent homosexual supporters, called the President's decision "nauseating and appalling ... an act of political cowardice".

The White House said that Mr Clinton's decision was based on personal conviction, but it was undoubtedly influenced by the public roasting he suffered for his early attempt to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military. In recent months Mr Clinton has been presenting himself as a champion of centrist, mainstream values and he was not going to let his Republican foes put him "back in his liberal box" by vetoing this Bill.

Mr Clinton won an estimated six million homosexual votes in 1992, nearly 15 per cent of his total. The gay vote is particularly important in the key electoral state of California, but the White House appears to have calculated that homosexuals have nowhere else to go.

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President Clinton and Helmut Kohl shake hands before their meeting at Milwaukee City Hall yesterday

Clinton and Kohl send summit signal

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, yesterday openly endorsed President Yeltsin in his tough battle for re-election against the Communist Gennadi Zyuganov on June 19.

Casting diplomatic niceties aside, Herr Kohl said he supported those that pursued reform and wanted to open Russia up and continued: "I do hope the present President will win." Mr Clinton was only marginally more restrained, saying he believed Mr Yeltsin and other reformers represented the future and "we hope the Russian people will vote for the future". But it was far from clear that their highly unusual intervention in Russian affairs would actually help Mr Yeltsin. It could assist Mr Zyuganov by fuelling Russian nationalist sentiment.

The two men agreed during their meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to adhere to the December deadline for withdrawing the US-led international peacekeeping force from Bosnia, whether or not that country had achieved stability. They also discussed strong European objections to US plans to impose sanctions on foreign companies doing business with Iran and Libya. Mr Clinton and Herr Kohl were speaking at a joint press conference during what was quickly dubbed the "sausage summit". After the conference, the two were going to what promised to be a formidable lunch.

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Agent 'was filmed passing secrets to British diplomats'

By Richard Beeston in Moscow and Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

A RUSSIAN diplomat accused of spying for Britain was reportedly caught redhanded by Russian counter-intelligence officers using high-tech communications equipment to pass secrets to British diplomats in Moscow.

In an account of the latest spying row between Russia and Britain, the weekly newspaper *Argumenty i Fakty* reported an extraordinary tale of espionage straight from the pages of an Ian Fleming novel.

Citing sources at the Federal Security Service (FSB), the newspaper claimed that the middle-ranking Russian diplomat, who is being held at the maximum-security Lefortovo prison in Moscow, is the son of a Russian ambassador serving in a European capital.

The spy was apparently equipped with a small shortwave radio transmitting device. This enabled him to broadcast coded messages to a nearby British contact who had a receiver which recorded the information. The Russians apparently monitored the spy and videotaped him in action.

Although it is customary for one intelligence officer to control a spy, the Russians claimed that nine members of the British Embassy were used on different occasions to retrieve information broadcast by the agent. The accused spy was arrested in April and the tape was shown to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to Sir Andrew Wood, the British Ambassador. The move triggered a two-week row which led to the tit-for-tat expulsions of four diplomats in each capital last week.

The newspaper said that three of the British diplomats had already returned home and a fourth would follow shortly. The other five diplomats allegedly involved with the spy are due to complete their tours of duty within the next three months.

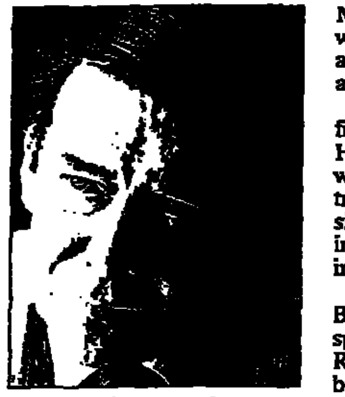
The Foreign Office has maintained that the Russian action was unjustified and that no evidence had been produced proving British involvement. However, *Argumenty i Fakty* said the reason the authorities were not willing to release more information about the affair was the embarrassment for the Russian Foreign Ministry.

"The reason for concealing the name of the British spy is clear now," the paper said. "We managed to find out that his father is an ambassador in a European country and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would like to have him back in Moscow before the scandal continues."

Despite the row, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, is to lead a delegation of senior executives from top British companies operating in Russia on a two-week trade visit to Moscow and St Petersburg starting next week. Members of the delegation will meet Russian ministers and representatives of British and Russian companies.

Mr Lang's visit will be the first at his level for four years. He will chair a meeting which will look at ways of boosting trade and investment, and will sign co-operation agreements in the nuclear and science industries.

Mr Lang's visit confirms Britain's interest in putting the spy row to one side. He said Russia was well on the way to becoming a market economy and British business had much to offer.


Lang: hopes to boost trade with Russia

Suzan Schlegelmich receives the Légion d'honneur from General Hugues Geoffrey at her home outside Paris and, right, during the war in North Africa

France fêtes wartime heroine from Britain

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

A BRITISH woman who joined the French Foreign Legion in 1940 and played a key role in one of the most important battles of the Second World War has been awarded the coveted Légion d'honneur.

Suzan Schlegelmich (née Travers), now 86, was presented with the award at her home outside Paris this week by General Hugues Geoffrey, her former comrade-in-arms, who applauded her bravery.

In May 1942, Suzan Travers was just 33 when she found herself at Bir Hakeim in the Libyan desert, the sole woman among 5,000 French troops besieged by Rommel's Afrika Korps and the Italian Army. A few months earlier she had been made the driver for General Marie Pierre Koenig, the charismatic leader of the Free French forces, who had given orders to his men to make a stand at Bir Hakeim to impede the German advance and give the British time to regroup.

Outnumbered, out-gunned and weak from thirst, the French clung on for two weeks under intense bombardment until June 10, when the order was given to retreat.

Miss Travers, as she is still affectionately known, was at the wheel when General Koenig's vehicle led the ragged French column to safety through a minefield and enemy fire.

"It was very exciting," she said yesterday as she recalled the battle from her home in Savigny-sur-Orge, near Paris.

Born in Folkestone, the daughter of an officer in the Royal Navy, Miss Travers was in France when war broke out. She signed up with the 13th demi-brigade of the French Foreign Legion and was promptly dispatched to Africa. When General Koenig's driver was killed in action, she was drafted in as a replacement.

As the Germans and Italians advanced on Bir Hakeim, the general's female chauffeur was sent to a camp away from the front line. No sooner had she rejoined the main French force after reports that the attack was over, than the enemy barrage resumed. "We were surrounded, this time for good. The bombardment went on and on. It was rather alarming," she said.

"With us she was better guarded by the legionnaires than a young girl in a convent," General Geoffrey said after the award ceremony this week.

On the moonless night of June 10, the French forces broke out. "Three Bren carriers went first, then me, driving the general's car, but they led us into the minefield by mistake. The carriers blew up," Mme Schlegelmich said. "Then we found the right way. We could see the tracer fire ahead and the general said, 'Drive as fast as you can' through the cross-fire. Some were hit, some were not," she recalled. The Ford driven by Miss Travers was peppered with bullet holes, but both General Koenig and his chauffeur successfully made it through and the surviving French forces rejoined the British Eighth Army.

Bir Hakeim is celebrated in France as a legendary display of the Foreign Legion's tenacity. The battle sapped German strength and paved the way for the Allied victory at El Alamein.

Miss Travers became Mme Schlegelmich when she married a fellow Foreign Legionnaire after the war. She left the army in 1947 to bring up two children in France. A fellow soldier recalled the slight Englishwoman's sang-froid under fire and remarked: "*Suzan, c'est un vrai mec*" — which perhaps best translates as "Suzan was one of the lads," the highest compliment a grizzled French legionnaire can bestow.

Increase in risk for smokers

From Peter Capella in Geneva

THE risk of premature death due to smoking is greater than previously estimated, according to the World Health Organisation. The number of smoking-related deaths is expected to triple in the next 30 years from its level of about three million a year.

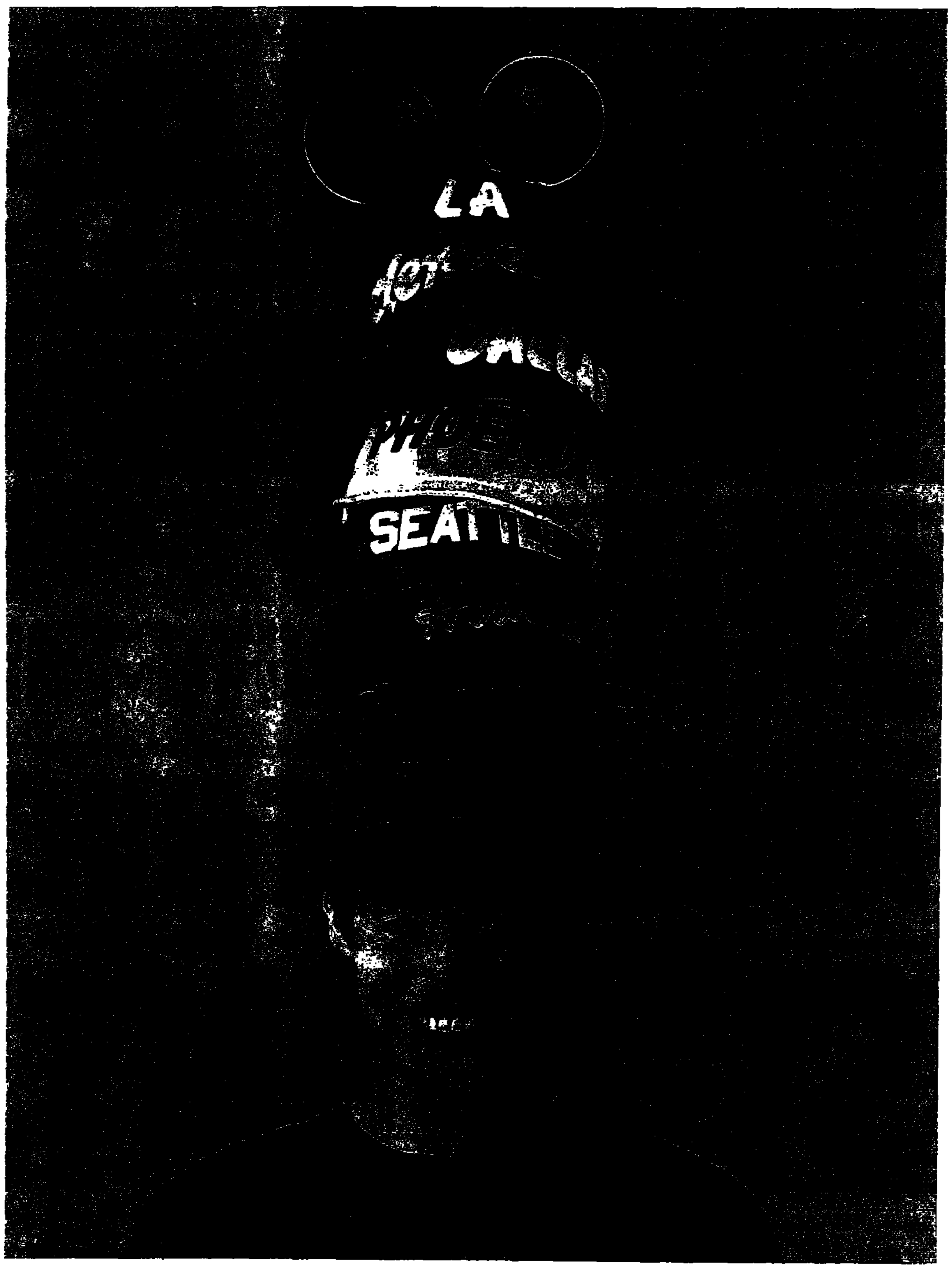
In the first worldwide study of tobacco use and its health effects, released yesterday, the WHO says that about half the regular smokers who started their habit in adolescence will die prematurely, about a quarter of them in middle age. It estimates that 42 per cent of cancer deaths among men, and 10 per cent among women in wealthy countries, are due to smoking.

"Nobody is standing on street corners selling handy shirt-pocket-sized packages of the Aids virus, yet that is exactly the problem that we face when we deal with the tobacco industry," said Nigel Collishaw, one of the authors.

The WHO said it was concerned about booming tobacco sales in developing countries, and the growing number of women who have taken to smoking. There are fewer smokers in wealthy countries but, at more than one packet a day, they tend to smoke more than their counterparts in poorer nations. Britain ranks thirteenth in the world for overall cigarette consumption, with 89 billion cigarettes smoked every year. China tops the list with 1,600 billion.

Although public health campaigns have limited smoking in more developed countries, Mr Collishaw said they would never be able to match the financial resources of tobacco companies.

The health agency also wants to step up protection for children and has called for measures, including aid for countries which depend on tobacco production.



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Russia's hard-hitting liberal champion gambles on Yeltsin's need for support in presidential poll

Yavlinsky fights to keep reform on track

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

INTERVIEW

GRIGORI YAVLINSKY held up his two fists and brought them together with a crunch. "That is what Russian politics is like," the former middleweight boxer and presidential hopeful said. "No subtleties, no compromise, just a head-on clash between two sides: winner take all."

As the last legitimate democratic leader in Russia, trailing behind President Yeltsin and Gennadi Zyuganov, his Communist challenger, Mr Yavlinsky is able to laugh at the thought that his presidential hopes lie somewhere between the interlocking knuckles of his fists. Five years after democratic fever swept Russia, Mr Yavlinsky and his dwindling band of free marketeers, intellectuals and human rights activists are fighting a rearguard action to keep the spirit of reform alive.

"Russia is moving towards an oligarchy, where monopolies control the economy, the state is criminalised and corrupt, and the real reformers have been driven out of government," said the Ukrainian-born economist, head of the liberal Yabloko party, referring to the hardening of Mr Yeltsin's administration. "My job is to steer the country back on course."

> ‘Russia is moving towards an oligarchy, with the state criminalised’

Despite the gloomy predictions of the pundits and the sense of defeat among democrats, there is no sign of worry on Mr Yavlinsky's boyish features and even a flicker of confidence that the story of Russia's path to democracy may yet have a happy ending. His optimism may be rooted partly in his upbringing. Starting as a secondary school dropout from the western Ukrainian city of Lvov, he became one of the most influential economists in the country, serving Mikhail Gorbachev and President Yeltsin before launching his own political career three years ago.

Last week the liberal leader took one of his biggest gambles when he presented President Yeltsin with a letter containing a list of demands intended to force the Kremlin back onto the road to reform.

The document called for the dismissal of key Cabinet members, including Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, and General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister. It demanded that the war in Chechenia be halted through peace talks. And it set out basic reforms needed to liberalise the economy and help small businesses.

"I was concerned by the very real danger that Yeltsin may consider some sort of compromise with the Communists," Mr Yavlinsky said. "I felt I had a duty to present to him the minimum requirements of the democratic side."

Although there is no chance of President Yeltsin agreeing to the demands by tomorrow's deadline, the Kremlin leader was careful not to reject the document. Within days of publication, he announced that he was considering a shake-up in his Government, that Mr Yavlinsky's policies could be incorporated in his platform, and that the war in Chechenia had to be resolved peacefully.

Although the two men will not commit themselves at this stage, it is clear that they are playing out the opening steps of an elaborate courtship which may blossom later into a happy union. If, as is thought likely, no candidate wins 50 per cent of the votes in the first round of the presidential elections on June 16, the two leading candidates will go into a run-off poll.

At that point, Mr Yavlinsky will be in a strong position to offer his public backing to President Yeltsin, and the support of his millions of voters, who are now estimated to form about 10 per cent of the electorate.

If the Russian leader accepts the demands set out in last week's letter, he could have a charismatic, youthful and popular running mate to help him to complete the final stretch of the race.

As for Mr Yavlinsky, although coy about admitting it, he is positioning himself to become Russia's next Prime Minister and the country's President-in-waiting.

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Yavlinsky hopes his letter may deflect President Yeltsin from considering a compromise with the Communists

Minister dies in flat fight

Moscow: Anatoli Stepanov, the Russian Deputy Justice Minister, was killed in his flat yesterday after a fight with an acquaintance, police said. Tass said Mr Stepanov, 55, married with two children, died from head injuries after he was hit with a blunt object. It quoted police as saying that he had gone home on Wednesday with an acquaintance and the pair had had a fight. The identity of the acquaintance and his relationship to Mr Stepanov was not released. *(AFP)*

Sharp wit helps to win points for democracy

BY RICHARD BEESTON

MAN IN THE NEWS

An economist by training and a democrat by conviction, Grigori Yavlinsky, the liberal presidential hopeful, represents the last hope for Russia's besieged reform movement.

Currently running third in opinion polls behind President Yeltsin and Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, Mr Yavlinsky is admired for his sharp mind, quick wit and his campaigning skills, which appeal as much to intellectuals as working-class Russians.

In addition, he has been hailed by human rights activists for his strong and consistent denunciation of the war in Chechenia. However, he is also mistrusted by democrats who blame his driving ambition and arrogance for thwarting attempts at unifying the divided liberal camp.

Mr Yavlinsky, 44, first came to prominence at the height of Mikhail Gorbachev's era as leader, when he co-authored a bold plan to transform the country's crippled economy from Communist control to Western-style free market in under two years. The document, known as the "500-Day Plan", was at first accepted by the Kremlin, but later watered down by Mr Gorbachev, who considered it too fast and too radical.

Mr Yavlinsky has claimed ever since that the failure to commit the former Soviet Union to radical reform led to the coup of 1991, Mr Gorbachev's removal from power and the confused approach to market reform undertaken by President Yeltsin.

Although critics contend that Mr Yavlinsky is long on talk and advice but has no proven track record in office, he counters that his blueprint for reform was tried out and succeeded in the booming Volga city of Nizhny Novgorod.

Mr Yavlinsky's position as the last champion of democratic principles in Russian politics and his popularity in the West, where he is regularly praised by newspapers and politicians, belie his humble origins.

He dropped out of school as a teenager in Lvov and began work as an electrician in a local factory, where he also made a name for himself as the regional middleweight boxing champion.

He came to Moscow in 1973 after being admitted to study economics at the respected Plekhanov Institute. From there his career took off, and by the mid-1980s he had served in a succession of key government posts where he advised on economic reform. In 1993 he formed the liberal Yabloko party and entered the Duma, the lower house of parliament, where today his faction is the fourth largest in the assembly.

Mr Yavlinsky's achievements are all the more remarkable given that he is of Jewish parentage. Extremist Russian politicians have repeatedly attempted to use this fact against him by appealing to the deep-seated anti-Semitism existing in many parts of Russian society.

Kremlin pins electoral hopes on talks with Chechen leader

BY THOMAS DE WAAL IN GROZNY AND RICHARD BEESTON

PRESIDENT Yeltsin took the first concrete step yesterday to end 17 months of fighting in Chechenia, when the Kremlin said he was hosting face-to-face talks with a Chechen separatist delegation led by Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, the new rebel leader.

In a move that could greatly improve the Russian leader's electoral chances in next month's presidential polls, the Kremlin confirmed that Mr Yeltsin had guaranteed the safety of the Chechen delegation for the duration of the talks in the next few days.

"The talks are meant to stop the fighting and reach a peaceful solution," said Tim Guldimann, the head of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe's mission in Grozny. His team will accompany the Chechens to ensure their safety.

Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechen rebels' chief of staff, said the meeting would take place on Monday and that he was hopeful of a settlement to end the war. An estimated 40,000 people have died in the conflict so far. The latest initiative stands the best chance of success since the talks for the first time directly involve President Yeltsin.

A peace accord to end the fighting and bring Russian troops home would be a big electoral boost to his campaign, which appears to be outstripping the main challenge from Gennadi Zyuganov, his Communist rival.

Experts believe the Russian leader has only been able to act after the death of Dzhokhar Dudayev, the former Chechen rebel leader, who was killed in an air raid, and yesterday's reported defeat of the last Chechen guerrilla stronghold at Bamut.

While the talks could lead to a ceasefire and demilitarisation of the territory, the thornier issue of sovereignty could take a long time to resolve. The Chechens have demanded full independence, while Moscow has so far only offered autonomy within the Russian Federation.

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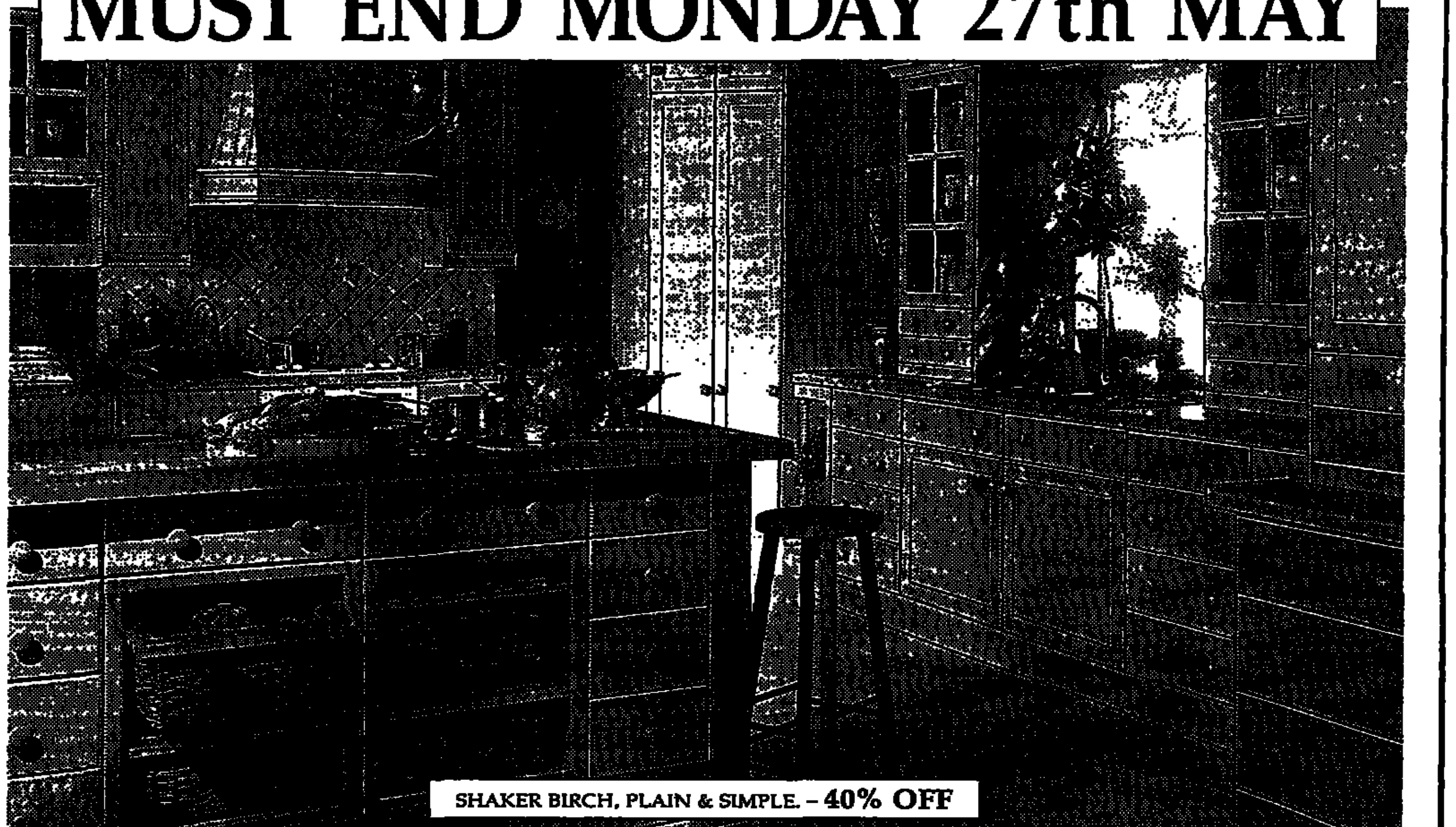
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Alice Thomas Ellis will be unhappy. The new Archbishop of Liverpool is a Catholic of the ecumenical school

The journey from Rome to Liverpool

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

Alice Thomas Ellis, the Roman Catholic novelist, may weep into her metaphorical nun's scapular, but the new Archbishop of Liverpool offers no balm to her troubled soul, other than his air of sweet benevolence. When asked who she would like Liverpool's next archbishop to be, she wrote, "I respond that a Catholic would be nice."

The Catholic Bishop Patrick Kelly of Salford, on whom the Pope will place the pallium or woollen collar on June 29, is a smallish man of 57, jovial and approachable, who speaks in the accent of his native Lancashire. Our picture shows him in mitre and cope, but these are only for the picture. "The last time I wore this," he says, struggling with a Velcro fastening, "was for the visit of the Patriarch last winter."

He is a humble and unpretentious man, of simple tastes, few possessions and no pomp. By contrast, his salubrious tied cottage, the glorious Wardley Hall, which he occupies with a small staff and a dog named Ben, is a Tudor manor house with courtyard, wooded parkland, its own chapel, Chippendale chairs, and oak panelling kept polished under the eye of a housekeeper nun and a reverend steward. In a glass case on the staircase reposes the skull of Saint Ambrose Barlow, born Manchester 1585, canonised 1970, a Benedictine monk, arrested while celebrating Mass on Easter Sunday 1641 and condemned to be hanged, drawn and quartered, for popery.

Bishop Kelly is no martyr, but he does accede to his new job under a cloud of schism, thanks to Ms Thomas Ellis's savage indictment, in the *Catholic Herald*, of his predecessor the late Archbishop Derek Worlock, and her warning that Liverpool's Catholic congregation would continue to plummet if his successor were cut from the same cloth. Alas for her and her fellow traditionalists, Bishop Kelly a devout ecumenical, theologically in tune with his predecessor and with the reforming Second Vatican Council — and also very much a popular choice.

When he meets the Pope they converse in English and Italian: Bishop Kelly studied for nine years in Rome. His years at the Gregorian University ("intellectually stimulating and enormously nourishing") were the years of Pope John XXIII and Vatican II "which helps to explain who I am". So although the first Mass he ever celebrated was in Latin, he has implemented the guidelines of Vatican II all his working life.

He was a cradle Catholic. His father, a dentist, was from Donegal, his mother an Anglican from Morecambe. They married late: Patrick, born when his mother was 38, was the first of four. "Our grandmother went to Dublin only when her three sons qualified in medicine. She told them she was very proud of them, but would be even more proud if told they had been good to the poor."

The boy Patrick found his vocation early, visiting the poor and the sick. During Lent in his A-level year, he attended Mass every morning at 6.45 before travelling 25 miles to school... At just 17, he was in Rome.

"All our lectures, written work and examinations were in Latin. Latin was a living language to me." He still winces if he hears musical settings of the Mass which suggest that the author did not know the Latin meaning.

Yet he does not regret the Latin Mass. "I do think it is good that when Roman Catholics from different countries come together they can sing parts of the Mass together — *Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Paternoster*. A lingua franca in places like Lourdes gives the sense of unity and diversity. But to say that everybody used to join in the Latin Mass is a false memory."

He concedes that on a pilgrimage to Walsingham, a Latin Mass "works wonderfully". "But I cannot imagine what it sounds like to those for whom Latin is not a living language."

Perhaps it has value as something mysterious?

"Yes, but one must locate the mystery in the right place. Throughout the New Testament, whenever the word mystery occurs it means the revelation of God's plan, not hiding it."

When he went to teach ordinands in Birmingham in 1966 he spent 18 years introducing young men to study of liturgy. "But if you are preparing others for ordination you can never run away from the questions: What is the Church? What must the Church be?

"*The Times* calls me 'a conservative liberal'. But that is what Catholic means, in its deepest sense."

On the eve of this week's announcement of his appointment by the Papal Nuncio, the bishop was at Opera North's *Marriage of Figaro* in Manchester. His constituency is Manchester, but the Ecclesiastical Titles Act obliges the Catholic Bishop to be titled Salford: "When my predecessor met Prince Philip, he explained that Manchester and Salford were like Budapest: two cities divided by a river. The next time he met the Prince, he was greeted with, 'Ah! the Bishop of Budapest'."

While his cathedral at Salford is a traditional Victorian ecclesiastical building, his new base will be the Metropolitan Cathedral which, as the Liverpool-born Ms Thomas Ellis writes, leaves her "baffled as to how a religion which had inspired the building of Chartres could also have led to the committing of Liverpool Cathedral".

"*De gustibus non disputandum*," replies the bishop equably, explaining that the 1960s cathedral had to be built speedily, in a design that would not be comparable with the Anglican Cathedral "in a city where there could be division".

Alice may prefer the whiff of incense, an air of hushed sanctity, but the bishop declares that profound reverence is possible anywhere, "even in modern buildings, or places that are little more than temporary huts."

He will not accept that there is widespread anti-ecumenical feeling among Catholics. As a young curate in Lancaster, he was involved in the first joint ecumenical service in the city. "My memory is that people were in tears of joy. I think it's important to tell young people of precious moments like that. This was a complex journey, and here was a clear sign that it was right to take it. I never had any doubt, myself — half my relatives were Anglicans." He shows me a congratulatory fax from Rome, encouraging him to continue overcoming the entrenched sectarianism of the past.

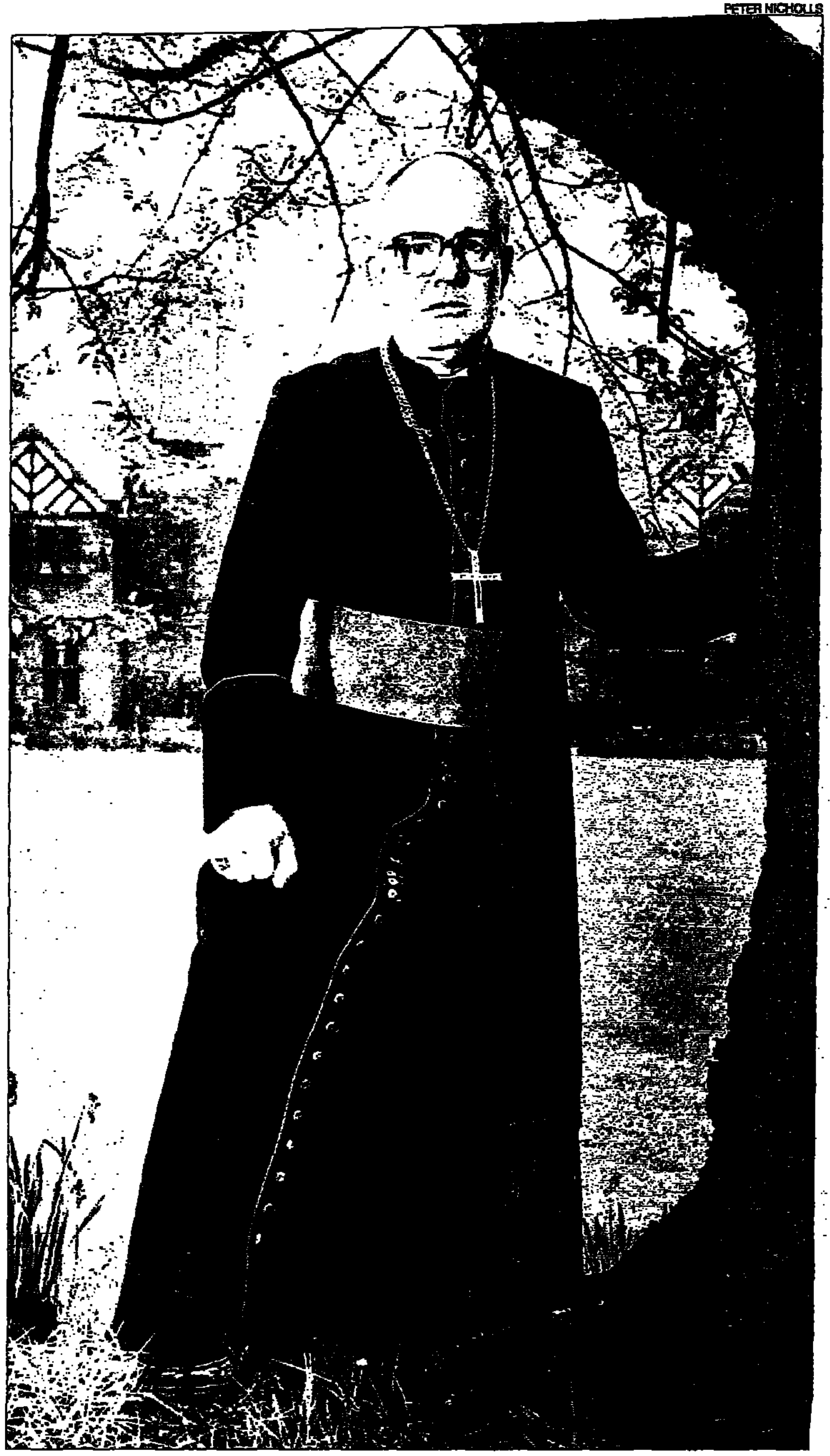
What about the dwindling Liverpool congregations, which Ms Thomas Ellis ascribes to the laxity, confusion, compromise and heresy of the modern Church? "Falling attendance has been on the agenda at every meeting of priests in this diocese for years. It is not an experience reserved for Liverpool. But nobody has produced a magic wand to solve it, nor any clarity about what the causes are.

"Two Sundays ago we had a celebration at Salford for handicapped children, and the Cathedral was heaving with young. And there will be several hundred young people on our pilgrimage to Lourdes. Praying, singing."

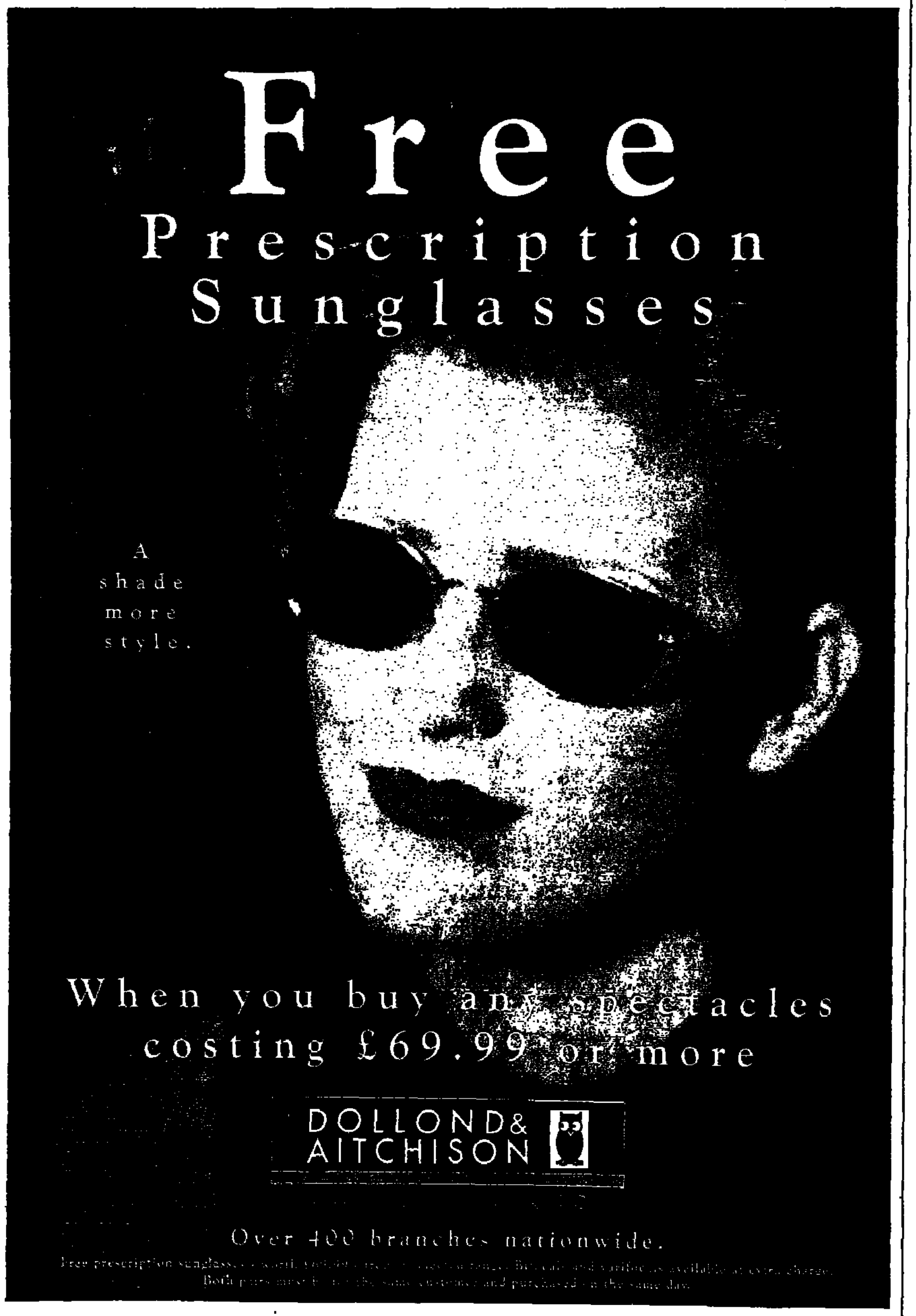
Ultimately, he points out, a bishop must distinguish between what is essential, eternal and important to faith, and what is of only temporary concern. "All parents go through the sentiment, 'I didn't do this when I was a child'. Does that mean my children should not do it? A bishop has to ensure there is a perspective, to have antennae twitching, and to remember they were saying the same thing 1,000 years ago.

"I find that whenever I am alerted to serious contemporary issues," he says, "I come back to what Cardinal Hume says: 'If I say things must change, it means I must change.' Each one of us must review seriously and constantly our attentiveness to living out the word of the Lord. I don't think our problems are going to be solved by strategy." He quotes a passage written by one of his mentors in Rome, Father Bernard Lonergan, SJ: a searching analysis of decline in society (egoism being the source of decline; self-sacrificing love the means of redemption) including the phrase "a civilisation in decline digs its own grave with relentless consistency". With that alone, Alice Thomas Ellis might concur.

PETER NICHOLLS



Patrick Kelly, the new Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool: "I last wore this for the Patriarch's visit"



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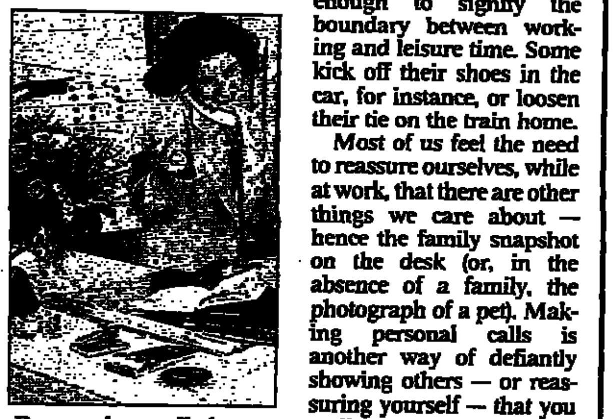
What comes first...home or the office?

Kathryn Knight on how we separate work and family life

Most of us make personal calls from the office, sneakily using work time to pay bills and book holidays. At home, we spend evenings griping about work while filling in our work-related planners.

The boundaries between our private and working lives have become increasingly blurred, despite our best attempts to keep the two apart. What we don't realise is that the way we dress, our wallets, lunchboxes, even the way we say "hello" reveal much about our priorities.

Do you keep your work and home keys on the same chain? Do you list your friends and work contacts in the same Filofax? According to the American sociologist Christena Nippert-Eng, such seemingly inconsequential details are surprisingly revealing.



Reassuring: calls home

In *Home and Work, Negotiating Boundaries through Everyday Life*, she shows how our insecurities are revealed through the minutiae of our daily lives. According to her, people are either "integrators" or "segmentists", one type scattering their desks with family photos, the other having separate wardrobes for home and office.

The idea of boundaries first struck Ms Nippert-Eng when she was commuting to a university course seven years ago. "On the train were all these people performing an amazing, orchestrated dance at exactly the same time each day," she says. "Someone would get on, throw their briefcase in the rack, fold their trenchcoat seven times and start chewing the top of their polystyrene coffee cup. That was how they signified their entry into the working day." At around the same time, she first visited the house of her future parents-in-law. Having grown up in a house full of the paraphernalia of teachers, cluttered with books, papers and images of work, she was unprepared for the work-free environment of her in-laws' home.

"It was impossible to tell what they did for a living — nothing from their work life crossed over into the home," she says.

Our insecure nature means we need to construct boundaries, but we find it hard to control them. Most people, says Ms Nippert-Eng, become very tense if they are not allowed their routine, but rarely examine their own habits to see why they need them.

A flatmate of mine, a real segmentist, refuses to take a personal phone call at home until she has changed from her office clothes into her "leisure wear". Only then does she allow her evening to begin. "Changing outfits is her way of forcing herself into an out-of-work mode," explains Ms Nippert-Eng.

Most people she interviewed said their dress affected the way they viewed themselves. Grey suit and flat heels with a carefully made-up face was their office persona. Jogging suit and no make-up was the relaxed version of themselves.

For segmentists, a tiny costume change may be enough to signify the boundary between working and leisure time. Some kick off their shoes in the car, for instance, or loosen their tie on the train home.

Most of us feel the need to reassure ourselves, while at work, that there are other things we care about — hence the family snapshot on the desk (or, in the absence of a family, the photograph of a pet). Making personal calls is another way of defiantly showing others — or reassuring yourself — that you really do have another life.

The wallet and address book are also symbolic minefields. Do you load your wallet with personal bric-a-brac? You could be trying to comfort yourself. Are your work and personal numbers in separate address books? You must be a segmentist.

We use our hellos and goodbyes to give out stern social signals to our family and colleagues. "When you say 'goodbye honey' in the morning, you are saying that you are entering into a different mindset," says Ms Nippert-Eng. "Likewise, when you say hello to your colleagues in the office, subconsciously you are saying to them, 'Right, here we are, let's pick up from where we left off'."

What about the ultimate in crossing boundaries — having a relationship with someone from the office? If you are a natural segmentist, you may have problems with this one. If not, "It can be a best-case scenario. Instead of struggling to reconcile two lifestyles, you can get them beautifully interrelated."

So are we better balanced if we discard the office with our overcoat when we get in at night? Ms Nippert Eng is undecided. "Most of us find it hard to divide our lives in such an extreme fashion, and use trivial things to keep ourselves oriented."

But next time you phone your mother from the office, just think what it *really* means.

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The Russians are coming

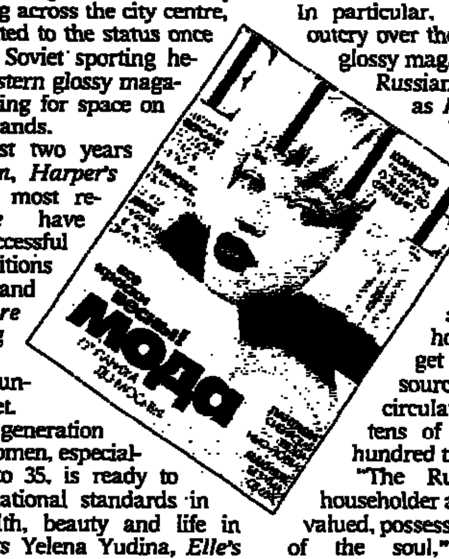
Glossy magazines, top models and high fashion are gripping Moscow — to the dismay of the old guard, says **Richard Beeston**

Neither red nor dead: Russian models are already a common sight on the catwalks of Paris and Milan

When Emmanuel Ungaro arrived in Moscow recently to launch his latest collection and announce the opening of his first boutique in the Russian capital, he likened the city to an exotic woman he wanted to seduce.

Watching the towering Russian models displaying his autumn collection to an enthusiastic audience in the grand Hall of Columns — once reserved for the lying-in-state of Soviet leaders — it was easy to see why he was so enamoured. But, as the diminutive French couturier cannot have failed to notice during his brief stay, Russia may be receptive to his charms, but he is by no means the only suitor in town.

The country — and particularly Moscow — is in the grip of a fashion mania with designer clothes shops mushrooming across the city centre, models elevated to the status once reserved for Soviet sporting heroes and Western glossy magazines competing for space on newspaper stands.



In the past two years *Cosmopolitan*, *Harper's Bazaar* and most recently *Elle* have launched successful Russian editions with *Vogue* and *Marie-Claire* also eyeing the lucrative and still untapped market.

"The new generation of Russian women, especially from 20 to 35, is ready to accept international standards in fashion, health, beauty and life in general," says Yelena Yudina, *Elle's* Editor-in-Chief. "They are sophisticated enough, clever enough and beautiful enough to be at the same level in fashion as everybody in the world."

Russian girls are already a common sight on the catwalks of Paris and Milan and two models — Irina Pantayeva from Siberia and Christina Pirova from the Caucasus — are well on the way to achieving supermodel status.

The obsession with fashion is by no means confined to young women. Last year during the run-up to the parliamentary elections, the Our Home is Russia party, headed by Viktor Chernomyrdin, the stolid Prime Minister, brought Claudia Schiffer, the German supermodel, to Moscow to enliven his lacklustre campaign.

In the present presidential race, none of the candidates can afford to look like the grey-faced, grey-suited leaders of the past. Typically the candidates have already been upstaged by Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist firebrand, who insists on wearing only designer clothes made by Slava Zaitsev, Russia's best-known couturier, and favours in particular a crimson tunic with gold buttons.

"Looking back I think we have Raisa Gorbachev to thank for what is happening today," says Tatyana Koltsova, the head of Red Stars, Russia's best-known model agency. "She was the first one who was not afraid to look stylish and she inspired a whole generation of women. There will be no going back."

However, as with so many of the Gorbachev reforms, the tide may be turning. A new counter-revolution against fashion is in progress. Among older Russians it is common to hear criticism that the new generation is being sold "vulgar and soulless" Western culture that demeans women.

"Rather than portraying women's realistic role in society — as professionals, mothers or partners — the press exploits women, treating them as goods to be sold," says Alevtina Fedulova, the head of the Russian Union of Women.

In particular, there has been an outcry over the impact of Western glossy magazines on traditional Russian publications such as *Rabotnitsa* (Woman Worker) and *Krestyanka* (Peasant Woman).

The magazines, which extolled the virtues of the Soviet working women and gave tips to houswives on how to get by with limited resources, have seen their circulation dwindle from tens of millions to a few hundred thousand.

"The Russian woman as householder and mother is highly valued, possessing a certain quality of the soul," says Nadezhda Zhikhareva, a member of the Russian press committee which was responsible for publishing Soviet women's magazines.

Imported Western fashion magazines now account for some 40 per cent of the market, and she fears that Russian women will lose their real voice.

However, the nostalgia for the bygone days of Soviet life leaves the younger generation cold, particularly when they recall an era of shortages of even the most basic feminine items such as tampons and shampoo.

"I remember it was really hard," says Tatyana Antoshena, a model who grew up near the city of Yekaterinburg in the Urals. "You had to make your own clothes and buy cosmetics on the black market. I don't believe that anyone would want to go back to those days."

Victoria Dronova, her colleague, says it is too late to turn the clock back and that Russian women still never accept their former status.

"Moscow is one of the most exciting places for fashion in the world because it is moving so fast," she says. "I love it here. I would not work anywhere else."

Quentin Letts on why, in these tearful times, the presidential handkerchief has never been damper

The crying game

HE IS the widow's friend. President Clinton this week reached into his White House wardrobe and again donned his funeral suit, this time for Admiral Mike Boorda. America's top sailor had committed suicide: there was another family to comfort, more pain to feel.

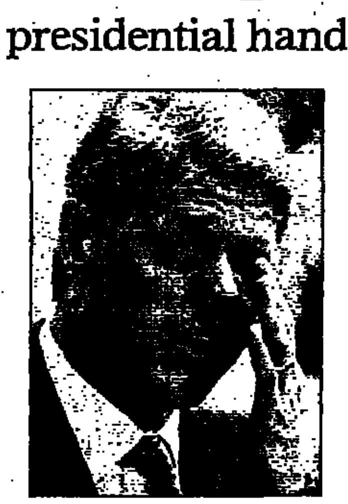
At the National Cathedral in Washington, Mr Clinton entered arm-in-arm with the grieving Betty Boorda, escorting her gently to her pew. Here was a widow shocked not only by the loss of her husband, but also by the manner of his passing. Bill Clinton was there for her. The most powerful man in the world found time to visit the Boorda family at home, listening to Betty's memories of her darling Mike and squeezing her hand when it all became too much and the shoulders started to shake, the tears started to flow.

When it comes to tugging tears ducts, Bill Clinton is hard to beat. It would not do in Britain, where we like our leaders to defy misfortune with a stare, but in America these days a good open weep will get you places — such as the White House.

Things have changed since 1972 when Ed Muskie's presidential aspirations died after he wept in defence of his wife. People then did not trust a politician who blubbed. But for Bill Clinton in the 1990s, tears equal votes.

The routine begins with a jut of the Clinton chin and an upward tilt of the head. The jaw muscles twitch and the voice goes all James Stewart: quavery, Southern, with pauses so long that you wonder if he is strong enough to proceed. The microphone picks up the wet smack of his mouth, the bulbous nose reddens and the eyes start to look misty: like Dartmoor on a damp night.

Last month's prolonged obsequies for the late US Commerce Secretary, Ron Brown, gave the President numerous memorial addresses to deliver, many of them televised live. His poll ratings shot upwards, as they did after the lachrymose "shalom hever" tribute to Yitzhak Rabin last autumn. At an Oklahoma bomb commemoration, Mr Clinton slowly thanked the good people of Oklahoma for giving him a lesson in grief and a woman blew her nose into her hanky. Little Alma McCaskell, a relation of one who died, approached the President and was given a dewy-eyed hug.



Sob supremo: Bill Clinton

It seems to be contagious. Marlon Brando "broke down and wept" to a rabbi after he had made some mildly silly remarks about Jews in Hollywood. This year's Oscars were the dampest in memory, the Douglas family shedding buckets when old man Kirk accepted a special award, and Paul Sorvino doing a veritable Stan Laurel impression when his daughter Mira won a prize.

Bob Dole, Mr Clinton's electoral rival, had a go at crying last month. He was giving a speech in his home town of Russell, Kansas. At one point his lower lip started to wobble and his voice gave up on him.

"Got a bit emotional out there for a moment, Mr Senator," observed a supporter after the rally. "Yep!" said Mr Dole, very pleased. But it was not a convincing cry. He will need to do very much better if he is to beat the weeper-in-chief.

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How we can use beef to beat Kohl

John Redwood sets out a British vision of Europe

The European Union is threatening regulations that will make the Rolls-Royce radiator grille illegal. It has already banned the export of the roast beef of old England, and the sale abroad of prime Scotch sirloin. British fishermen can no longer catch all the cod we need for fish and chips. It is as if the European Union had set out to damage or abolish our national symbols and institutions one by one. It has changed the public mood and united the Conservative Party in anger at these *unnecessary meddlings. The* new "beef war cabinet" should look at all these issues, not just beef.

All this has taught many people a truth about Europe. For years people thought we had joined a Common Market. The growing evidence that others were building a state governed from Brussels was shrugged aside as strange continental idiosyncrasy. Europe was a cause of mirth as it sought the perfect cucumber or the straight banana. Now people realise it is more than this. Europe does have direct and real power over our lives. It can make or break whole industries; it can lose you your job; it has plans to transform the way we are governed by shifting immense power to Frankfurt and Brussels.

What has impressed people most about the beef crisis is how powerless British ministers appear. Beef and the rest of agriculture are primarily controlled from Brussels and not from London. Douglas Hogg is not a plenipotentiary but a supplicant. The industry's future depends on the votes of 15 countries, and has to date been dominated by German intentions to ban our beef. Although people knew we were part of something called the common agricultural policy, which means that we pay more for our food than if we bought in the world market, it has taken the beef crisis to bring home the fact that if we do not like the common policies under the legal system of the Community, there is nothing we can do about it.

The Government's decision this week to refuse to cooperate until the beef issue is resolved in our favour is a welcome development. It shows a wish to stand up for British interests. The ban on gelatin was near to being lifted. The new pressure may bring progress on the general ban, but it is not a lasting solution to the problem of powerlessness felt by ministers and constituents. It may salvage something for the beef industry, but enormous damage will have been done.

British ministers should not sit at the council table in a sullen sulk. Nor should we speak only of beef, important though that is. We must use the new notoriety we have gained by our threat of non-cooperation to articulate a better vision of Europe, to offer our partners a choice, to say there is a different way from that recommended by Chancellor Kohl. Our case should begin with unemployment.

It is no accident that unemployment *is so much higher in* Europe than in North America or Asia. It is the direct result of EU policies. It *is now* being increased by the Maastricht requirements *and by the* common employment policies of the 14 states that have signed the social chapter. Both France and Germany need faster growth to bring their deficits down. Both are aiming for lower growth through their present policies. *Both need far-*reaching long-term reform of their welfare systems, not smash-and-grab raids against those least able to afford it. Neither has developed systems of savings for pensions by employers and employees. They need them quickly, otherwise their public spending will be unsustainable into the next century.

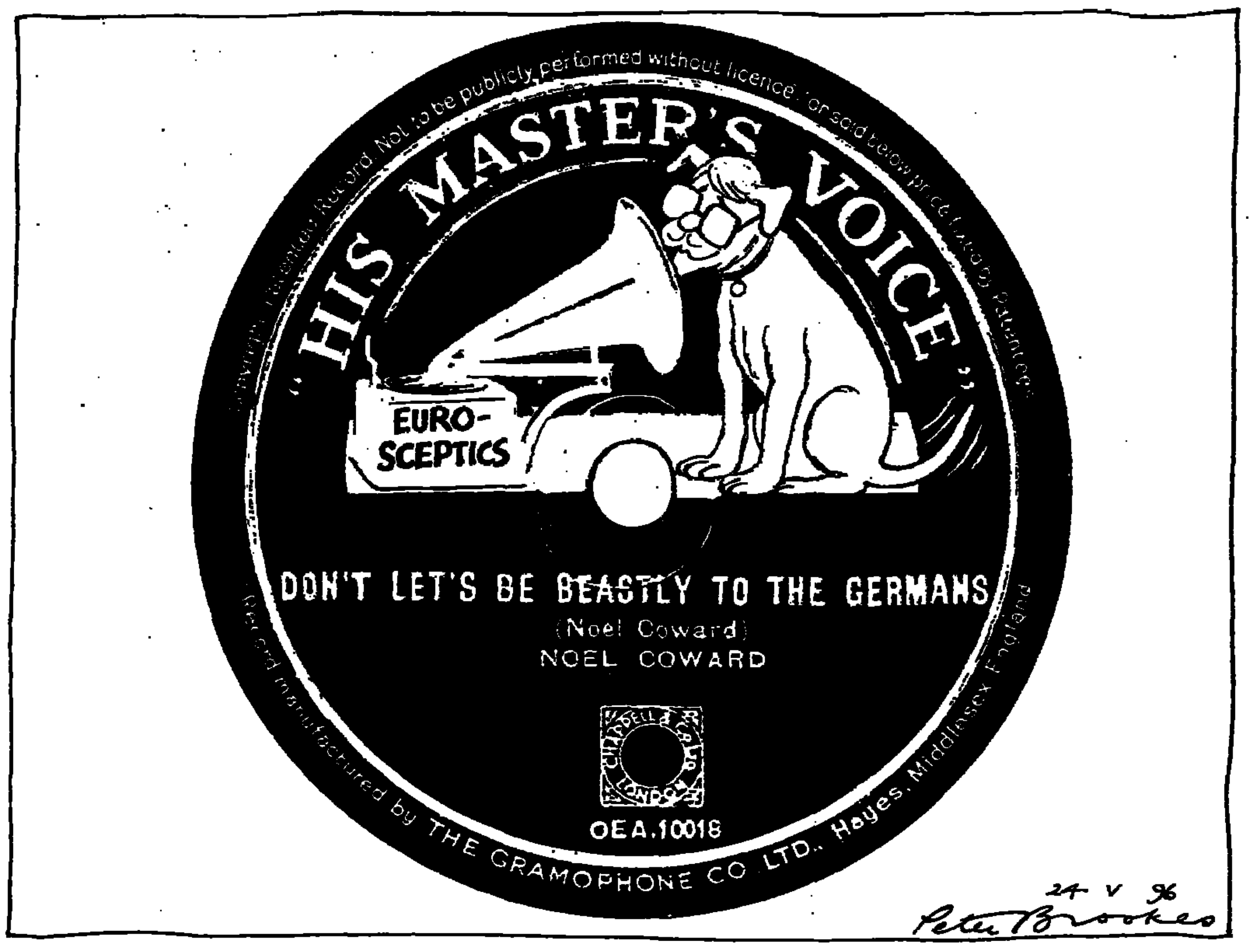
It is cruelty to tell people they can earn more than the market wishes to pay them. Offering a minimum wage is fine for some, but for others it means no job. No wonder youth unemployment is so high on the Continent.

It is also a grave folly for the EU to believe that it knows best about technology and to worry about where an idea came from — the "not-invented-here" syndrome. *It is fast* becoming illegal for companies in Britain or elsewhere in the EU to develop certain new technologies, or to use technologies developed elsewhere in the world. This narrow approach destroys *jobs, turns away investment* and adds to the dole queues.

Having set out our stall for a less regulated Europe, we should argue our case for a Europe of nations. The Government is *right* to make that the centrepiece of its strategy. The beef crisis shows how far we have deviated from that ideal already in some areas. If we were truly a Europe of nations, Britain would be able to export beef to non-EU countries that wish to buy it. We would be able to protect British cod and the Rolls-Royce grille.

The problem comes from the European Court. There is nothing wrong with a Council of Ministers finding common solutions in common policies, although this should usually be done by unanimity rather than by majority voting. There is everything wrong with a court that tells us that our laws have to be changed and which demands £30 million of our money to compensate Spanish fishermen who have not plundered our waters, but think on reflection they should have done so.

To create this Europe of nations, the Government should reassert the supremacy of Acts of Parliament over judge-made law from Europe. Then the Government by itself could lift the ban on exporting our beef to non-EU countries; British ministers could return to the council table with more pride in themselves and more power in their pockets. Then they would be negotiating with the voice of public and Parliament at their back. This might prove so attractive that other countries would follow. Loss of our power to impose some directives in another country — which are often ignored, even with a powerful court in place — would be a small price to pay for retaining control over our crucial industries.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Corrupting or releasing? The laws against pornography are certainly absurd — but I'm glad I don't need it

Bernard Levin

What exactly *is* pornography? I ask, because it seems that there is more talked and written about it than ever, which in my innocent understanding must mean *that there is more of the thing.* Experts in these matters (I am not one) say that that is not true, and that pornography is waning, because it is old hat and drugs have replaced porn. Still, pornography has certainly not disappeared entirely, as many a newsagents would confirm.

The *word* is very old indeed; it comes from the Greeks (shame on you, Greece, shame!) and our "porn" meant no more (though not less) than a harlot. "Pornography" was the inevitable straight noun, but "pornographer" naturally followed quickly, with "pornographic" and there is a touch of the porn-*hauteur* when we come to "pornocracy". (As for pornograph, it must have greyed many a sedate head, when an innocent music-lover put the next record on.)

There is soft porn, and hard porn (I am learning fast); few, including the experts, could be sure where the line is to be drawn. Indeed, I should think that no group of people gathering solemnly to discuss the grave matter of pornography would be able to get half a dozen experts in the matter to agree on anything about it, much less come up with a conclusion.

We must tread carefully here, if only because the law may be sniffing at our heels. The law tried to define pornography in 1959, and made a fool of itself. Such laws invariably do, and are largely ignored.

Try a bit:

> *For the purposes of this Act an article shall be deemed to be obscene if its effect or (where the article comprises two or more distinct items) the effect of any one of its items is, if taken as a whole, such as to tend to deprave and corrupt persons who are likely, having regard to all relevant circumstances, to read, see or hear the matter contained or embodied in it.*

That's nothing, I assure you; when they get into their stride, they can do this in less than a week:

> Proceedings for an offence under this section shall not be instituted except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions in any case where the article in question *is a moving* picture film of a width of not less than sixteen millimetres and the relevant publication or the only other publication which followed or could reasonably have been expected to follow from the relevant publication took place or (as the case may be) was to take place in the course of a cinematograph exhibition.

Incidentally, is there *anyone* left in the drafters' section who can still both read and understand what he is writing?

But pornography is much wider than the nonsense that the law lays down and which, sensibly, is entirely ignored. There are, quite obviously, many people who enjoy the sexual thrill of pornography, most blatantly seen in the form of naked and semi-naked beautiful ladies being ogled.

But if I may tread for a moment on somewhat delicate ice, our dear sister *The Sun* never comes out unless there is a beautiful young lady clad in nothing between the top of the edge of her panties and the top of her head. Is *The Sun* therefore a purveyor of pornography? And what about the *News of the World*, which lives in the same stable and eats the same straw? Does the nakedness of the ladies who are found in those papers make them pornographic? Certainly, they are fiercely denounced as such.

Very well; but if you say that both the papers in question are selling pornography you have said that approximately four million people are buying pornography six days a week, and another 4½ million on Sundays. What is more, experts tell us that each copy of *The Sun* and *News of the World* is read by roughly two people. If those newspapers are pornographic, some *eight or nine million* people in this country are wallowing in pornography, which surely cannot be true. (My own nearest approach to depravity took place when I was innocently travelling in Europe. I was staying in an expensive hotel in Switzerland and at that time I had never heard of those hotels — very swish ones, too — which include a pornographic section in their televisions. It was coyly tucked away, with a complicated patch of buttons to bring it out, and the only reason I didn't switch on was that my famous incompetence with machinery made it impossible.)

But what and who gets or gives in the matter of porn? Well, for a start, those poor women who pose for the blurred, cheap, horrible men who lick their lips and peer at what was once a — usually young — woman.

But that won't do, for two reasons; the first is, of course, that the women in the pictures are doing it for money, and would probably have none if they didn't participate. The second, is that — and there it is very substantial evidence for it — many of the girls want to pose in such surroundings.

Now, the argument takes over. Is pornography corrupting or releasing? We have a strange system with our films (well, most of us must think it strange); a man sits down and watches films, not because he is a film-buff but he is the man who tells us which films we may see, or at least tells young people which they may not. Can we be sufficiently degraded that our nature changes, and for the worse, after seeing a dirty film? If so, can we be sufficiently elevated by seeing a film which has nothing but purity in it? Try as I may, I cannot see anyone being transformed into a St George by watching a sufficiently soppy film.

There are those who are sure that pornography is truly dangerous; one of these is a greatly committed Indian, Hamdy Shahein, who argues that adults can do what they like, but children should be guarded from pornography — a reasonable attitude, though I fear that children these days are themselves lusting for pornographic magazines. Mr Shahein points out that it is illegal for any shop to sell cigarettes to any person under 16 years, and he might add that there are films which it is illegal to show to those under 18. W H Smith fought a long battle against Mr Shahein over the question of whether soft pornographic magazines should be included compulsorily in the bundles which W H Smith supplies to retailers. In the end, W H Smith agreed to allow newsagents to refuse to stock such magazines.

W H Smith, of course, is buying and selling under the law, the ridiculous Obscene Publications Act, and I suppose that from time to time the owner of some scruffy corner shop is bunged up to show that Her Majesty's sniffers-out are on the job.

But we come back to the question: leave out children and ask: does looking at pornography damage human beings? It is no use saying that the world is full of shamefulness and wickedness beside which a dirty magazine is nothing, though it is true. The newsagents who peddle the stuff peddle it in the certainty that it is used for gloating over pictures that most of us would find disgusting. But what about the people who do not find it disgusting? Are there stages in this matter, so that from drooling over a luscious pair of breasts in a tabloid we go to the panting figure who suddenly opens his flies in the Tube when there is a young woman opposite?

Come back to the young woman who could get no employment other than posing horribly in the porn magazines. Has she been damaged? Is the prostitute damaged? Is the photographer who takes the pictures damaged? Turn it upside down: what about the decent men who cannot get decent satisfaction other than by using porn magazines?

The laws against pornography are ridiculous, as I have said, but they must have been put there for a reason. You can say that they might give children nightmares, but the laws are plainly for adults. It is true that at least half of our laws were invented on the principle of "Go and see what Johnny is doing and then tell him to stop", but there must be *some* sense in our courts.

On the whole, I think that pornography is loathsome, but for those who are old enough to buy it legally probably not very dangerous. Anyway, I don't need pornography — I've got Wagner.

Philip Howard

■ We like our literature digested — from *Don Quixote* to *Mary Poppins*

Intellectual snobs deplore digests. We should read proper books, such nannies scold us, not the predigested extracts from and summaries of fashionable books from which *The Reader's Digest* makes its profits. In fact, not all digests are childsread, as he/she knows who has toiled through the original *Digest* of Roman Law, compiled for the Emperor Justinian (Forthemoney) by Tribonian and his 16 assistants.

Now high-minded Spaniards are deploring the decision of a publisher to cut out 54 of the 74 chapters of *Don Quixote* because they are boring. Perhaps it is a shame that this latest digest has lost Sancho Panza's term as Governor of Barataria, because it is early *Private Eye* satire of government. And it was hugely influential. What was the name of the Utopian kingdom of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Gondoliers*? Why, Barataria of course. And Don Quixote's muddle-headed fool with frequent lucid intervals fathered a dynasty of English rapscallion heroes. In the hoofprints of Rozinante staggering under the Knight of the Doleful Countenance, Tom Jones tumbles and Mr Pickwick gets into scrapes that are social commentaries as well as funny. Sterne kept *Don Quixote* on his desk beside the works of Shakespeare, and named his humorous parson Yorick. The picaresque novel, in which a lovable *picaro* or "rogue" proves wiser than the great and the good, flavoured the work of post-realist writers from Joyce to Borges and Nabokov. On the *trail behind Don Quixote dances* a subversive crew of madcaps that includes Huckleberry Finn, Just William and (I would assert).Mary Poppins.

The digest of *Don Quixote* will beguile many to read the unabbreviated work, just as *some readers of tabloids go on to* grown-up newspapers. At the Criterion Theatre, the Reduced Shakespeare Company performs the 37 plays of Shakespeare in 97 minutes. It's great fun, and like Ian McKellen's brilliant 1930-ish thriller of *Richard III, it throws witty sidelights* on the Bard. But, "It is a pretty poem, Mr Pope, but you must not call it Homer."

People have been digesting Shakespeare for centuries, for their own dramatic, political, moral and Bowdlerising reasons. That is how Thomas Bowdler made his name. "Nothing is added to the original text; but those words are omitted which cannot with propriety be read aloud in a family." So Bowdler's *Hamlet* was a slim volume, though not as slim as a later digest:

Prince Hamlet thought Uncle a
traitor;
For having it off with his Mater.
Revenge Dad or not?
That's the gist of the plot,
And he did — *nine soliloquies later.*

P.L. Travers, who died last month aged 96, so hated what the cinema did to *Mary Poppins* that she left instructions in her will that another film should never be made about the nanny she created. And indeed the film digest Disneyfied Julie Andrews as Poppins, substituting a little bit of sugar for the starch and quixotic subversiveness of the original. But, it won several Oscars and is still loved by children, some of whom will be drawn on to read the real thing in full. Like all picaresque classics, it is frightening and sad *as well as magical and very* funny. Mary Poppins continued to regard the four children searchingly. Then, with a long, loud sniff that seemed to indicate that she had made up her mind, she said: "I'll take the position." "For all the world," as Mrs Banks said to her husband later, as though she were doing us a signal honour." "Perhaps she is," said Mr Banks. Part of the timeless attraction of Mary Poppins is that she takes the middle-class English back to a vanished (and imaginary) world of pre-war security in the nursery, when there were muffins still for tea (after you had washed your hands).

The Jungle Book cartoon is another Disneyfication, though nothing like as successful as *Mary Poppins*. But many children still enjoy it and sing along with its vulgarisation. Some discover the magic and terror of Kipling's hard stuff between hard covers. The classics are big enough to survive digests, distortions and translations into other media. Sometimes the digests become classics in their own version, as has McKellen's *Richard III*. Let digests thrive. They are the sincerest form of favourable review.

Batting on

NORMA MAJOR'S literary career has been revived by an assiduous Downing Street charlady. Her book on the Prime Minister's country residence Chequers, which appeared to have been abandoned, is back on track after a cleaner discovered essential archive material in the basement of No 10.

A book tour by the First Lady is now planned for the autumn. Dates have been pencilled in only, just in case a general election is called to steal her thunder.

Downing Street is closely protecting the name of the truffling cleaning-lady, who, having struggled through piles of Prime Ministerial clutter, decided the basement could do with a clean-out. Like Carter finding Tutankhamun, but with duster instead of torch, she stumbled on the crucial bundle of papers.

I understand that Norma seized upon the material and sprinted up to telephone the literary agent Andrew Lownie. And so the Chequers *project was revived.* "Nobody is saying yet what secrets they have discovered," says a source. "But there appears to be evidence that there was once a cricket pitch at Chequers. The Prime Minister is clearly excited and there is talk of getting the square back into playing condition."

● *Though his fortune has been built on beef, Lord Vestey was for many years a pig man. He kept them in 2,200 square feet of Emsworthian splendour on his Stowell Park estate in Gloucestershire. His passion spent, however, Vestey has chosen to convert the empty pig sties into a craft and business centre. For this, Vestey, who is not the sort who needs to blanche at a drinks bill, is to receive a £28,000 handout from the Rural Development Commission.*

First class

CLARENCE HOUSE is excited by the news that one of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's favourite clerics is coming home. After 24 years in Manhattan, Canon John Andrew will be driven to the city's JFK airport in the official Rolls-Royce belonging to Sir John Weston, the British Ambassador to the UN. He will then board Concorde for the flight home, a trip paid for *by friends*, and from Heathrow he will retire to Bath.

Andrew is leaving St Thomas's, the smart Fifth Avenue Anglican church which has one of the richest congregations in the world, and which he has run with bombast. At a choir rehearsal once, he shouted to the organist: "What do you think I am, a bloody canary?"

Liturgically, St Thomas's is high as a kite, but the pews are packed. It will be a duller place without "Father John".

● *Liverpool's Roman Catholics, still reeling from the posthumous attacks on Archbishop Derek Worlock, must brace themselves for more bad news. Their new Archbishop, Patrick Kelly, is a fan of Manchester United, Liverpool's arch-rivals and conquerors in the recent FA Cup Final. Even within Britain's Catholic hierarchy, Mgr Kelly must tread softly. His immediate boss, Cardinal Basil Hume, is a devoted fan of Newcastle United, whom United beat to the Premiership title.*

Bushy tale

BLUBBING Bill Clinton is embarrassing enough, but for real schmaltz, George Bush takes some beating. In a note to the newborn daughter of his friends Susan Molinari and Bill Paxon, Bush writes: "Dear Susan Ruby Paxton [endearingly misspelt], I love you already and I haven't even seen you yet . . . I am an old guy now. I am older than your granddad . . . You will have an exciting life ahead, and I will be cheering for you all the way. Love, George Bush.

"P.S. I used to be President of the *United States — now I am a happy* dad and granddad — that's it. That's the way it should be."

Accidental Anderson and the blithely unaware Queen Noor

Letting rip

ROBUST underpants were all that saved Bruce Anderson, the substantially-built political pundit, from humiliation in Jordan recently. A few minutes before he was to be presented to King Husain and Queen Noor, "The Brute" was balancing suavely on a wooden balcony at the royal palace. Summoned to the King's presence, he bounced to his feet. "Rrrrrip" went the seat *of his trousers.*

"I didn't have time to inspect the damage," he says of his near-mooning experience. "I had to bow to the King, and the worst was revealed. Luckily I was wearing a sturdy pair of underpants and the only people who saw them peeping through were the British MPs behind me — and I expect they have seen worse." Very unlikely.

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CATTLE GRIDLOCK

All that Labour can do is limit the political damage

For years the Tories have been hoping for something to turn up — some 1996 version of the Falklands War, perhaps, that might revive their political fortunes. The beef war has now become that "something". It brings risks for John Major but the biggest loser could be the Labour Party — which is why Tony Blair seems so determined not to repeat the mistakes that Michael Foot made in 1982.

Labour recalls how the Falklands affair began as bad news for the Government. The Foreign Office was blamed for failing to take notice of intelligence reports that the Argentinians were planning to invade. The Foreign Secretary and his deputy were forced to resign. At that stage, it seemed perfectly proper to find fault with the administration.

But war changed everything: once the task force had set sail, to criticise was tantamount to treason. Labour's less than wholehearted support for Mrs Thatcher (along with all the party's other problems) sealed its fate at the subsequent election.

So it could be with beef. Yes, the Government threw the beef industry into this mess by not taking BSE seriously enough at the start. Yes, the lack of a coherent line from ministers in the few weeks after the link between BSE and CJD was suggested helped to undermine consumer confidence. But for Labour leaders to say that they would not have started from here sounds irrelevant now. For Labour to suggest that the Government has not done enough to make British beef safe could now be portrayed by the Tories as unpatriotic.

Even to criticise the Government's non-cooperation tactics might be to make Mr Foot's mistake. That is why Mr Blair, in Italy yesterday, was careful to promise not to undermine Mr Major's new policy; and to couch the lifting of the ban as a matter of national interest, not to be clouded by partisan considerations.

The whole affair, of course, is steeped in partisan politics. Britain's beef producers have become pawns in the two parties' election campaigns. Mr Major has taken this action to look tough, to unite his party, to win press support and to discomfort Labour. If the beef ban is indeed lifted, then his joy at the restoration of beef industry jobs will be far eclipsed by his delight at the transformation of his political prospects.

All that Labour can do is to cling to the Tories' tactics while they look likely to work in an attempt to neutralise any partisan effect that they might have in the polls. Mr Blair can try to strengthen the war aims so that Mr Major will find it harder to claim a bogus victory. And he can detach himself from the government position if he senses that it is doing the Tories more harm than good. *But this is all damage limitation; for Mr Major's ploy is a serious trap for Labour.*

Mr Blair's difficulty is that much of the electorate and much of his party think that the policy of non-cooperation is wrong. At the moment, only Paddy Ashdown is representing this sizeable group of voters. Many of Mr Blair's colleagues will be tempted to undermine their leader by criticising the Government. Already Baroness Blackstone, in the Lords yesterday, has described the stance as "folly".

This is not a war: it is not even a phoney war. The normal considerations of national unity should not have to apply. But logic has little force in this base political manoeuvring. Although a few Tory Euro-enthusiasts have to hold their noses, they are prepared to do so because they are outnumbered in their own party. Mr Major's calculation is that more such enthusiasts sit on Labour's benches, and that they, as a majority in their party, will find it harder to support a Government and policy that they disdain. For the moment, Mr Blair has a harder hand to play than his opponent.

RUSSIAN REFORM

Yeltsin and Yavlinsky need to unite against Communism

Already the post-election bargaining has begun in Moscow. Grigori Yavlinsky, the boyish, charismatic leader of Russia's dwindling band of reformers, has offered President Yeltsin an informal alliance if he halts the war in Chechenia, sacks the unpopular Defence Minister, dismisses Viktor Chernomyrdin, the lacklustre Prime Minister, and commits himself wholeheartedly to further market reforms.

There is no chance that Mr Yeltsin will accept these demands by tomorrow, the deadline that Mr Yavlinsky has given him. But he has not rejected the document. He has announced a major shake-up in his Government, with hints that he may indeed dismiss Pavel Grachev if things continue as badly as now in Chechenia; and he is clearly positioning himself as leader of a broad-based anti-Communist front.

Mr Yavlinsky will not, at this stage, pull out of the election or conclude any formal deal. He is an astute politician and has served both Mikhail Gorbachev and Mr Yeltsin as economic adviser. He drew up, with the Harvard economist, Jeffrey Sachs, one of Russia's first market reform plans. He led the Yabloko bloc in the old Duma and made a name for himself as one of the Young Turks who has transformed the city of Nizhny Novgorod into a showcase for reform. He has youth, looks and brains on his side. Although Russian nationalists will never vote for him, liberals who, despite all the setbacks, want reform to continue, see him as the only credible candidate. He may garner 10 per cent of the vote.

An informal understanding with Mr Yeltsin at this stage would serve both men. The Russian leader is not yet assured of victory next month. Despite a remarkable recovery from last year's depths of unpopularity, he cannot be sure that the widespread anger at his Chechen policy, the entrenched suspicion of the West, growing disillusion with reform and popular hatred of the mafia millionaires will not deliver a substantial vote to Gennadi Zyuganov, his Communist opponent. Mr Yeltsin knows that this election, for millions of Russians and the outside world, is a stark choice: a return to old-fashioned Communism or a continuation of economic and political reform. The more that the contest is polarised, the more sense an anti-Communist coalition makes.

For Mr Yavlinsky it also makes sense. If he does a deal after the first round, he has a good chance of being appointed Prime Minister, and, given Mr Yeltsin's uncertain health, President-in-waiting. He would have to compete with rivals, principally Aleksandr Lebed, the popular former general who did poorly in the Duma elections but may still command the nationalist vote. He may find that General Korzhakov and others in Mr Yeltsin's self-seeking entourage have plans of their own. But he could safeguard the reforms, even in such a political hotch-potch.

These reforms are, at last, bearing fruit. Russians are much given to complaining, to anathematising change and to dismissing apparent success as a trick or fraud. But privatisation has now gone so far that every shopper, every provincial town, is beginning to glimpse the better life. Small businesses are booming. The harshest times are past, and provided that the mafia-controlled monopolies can be broken, Russia has an opportunity to experience the sort of boom that Eastern Europe has seen.

Mr Yavlinsky cannot expect an immediate answer from Mr Yeltsin. His demands are high; his deadline is opportunistic, even impudent. But he would surely add to Mr Yeltsin's appeal. He would bring back some of the President's early reforming credibility. They should do a deal.

BLOW-OUT

A diplomat is a dainty eater sent to lunch out for his country

Two heavyweight statesmen ate for their countries yesterday. When President Clinton took Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, out to lunch at a Milwaukee German restaurant, the White House described their meeting as a summit. Less diplomatic sauces called it "the nosh of the century".

Both men are famous for their appetites as well as their power. Both have been known to refuel with buns or hamburgers even after the obstacle courses of a state banquet. Mr Clinton has a passion for Big Macs. In *Primary Colours*, the Clintons' *roman à clef*, lack of discipline is symbolised by craving for doughnuts. Herr Kohl is so fond of the cooking of his homeland, Rhineland Palatinate, that he once entertained Margaret Thatcher with pig's stomach (as well as much else). She tried to hide the bits she could not face beneath her knife and fork.

As the two world trenchermen munched through their cholesterol yesterday, each had a hidden menu. Milwaukee is the home of a huge German-American population and Mr Clinton needs to win Milwaukee in November. Herr Kohl wants to explain Europe's objections to proposed American legislation imposing sanctions on those who trade with Iran. Since Germany trades with Iran, Herr Kohl hopes to persuade a replete President that trade moderates extremism.

Dinner moderates diplomacy. It is nothing but the continuation of politics by other means, such as Hollandaise sauce. If jaw-jaw is better than war-war, who cares whether the jaws are waffling or chomping? And hospitality to important strangers is one of the oldest rules of diplomatic man. To eat a man's salt creates a sacred bond between host and guest. Official eating is a means of display, flattery and national propaganda. State visitors to Britain at present invariably find Aberdeen Angus on the menu, and at the press conference afterwards are asked pointedly how they enjoyed it.

A diplomatic menu can be *table d'hôte* as well as *à la carte*. Guests at state banquets with famous poisoners — Nero, say, or the Borgias — took their own diplomatic doggy bags. Similarly, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, trained on expensive boarding-school cooking, had a waterproof pocket in his tails for the disposal of state cooking. But, for the most part, the great ones of the world are seldom so harmlessly employed as when they are opening their mouths and stuffing fine food in them. We would like to have wished Mr Clinton and Herr Kohl *bon appetit*. But they have already finished — and, even if they have not, it would be unnecessary.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sentencing reform initiative defended

From the Home Secretary

Sir, Lord Ackner (letter, May 20) accuses me of amnesia. Let me remind him of what my White Paper sets out to do, rather than what he claims it sets out to do.

There is incontrovertible evidence that our current sentencing arrangements fail to protect the public from repeat sexual or violent offenders whose determinate sentences release them back into the community *while they are still dangerous.*

Of 217 offenders convicted of a second serious violent or sexual offence in 1994, only ten received a life sentence. In other words, in 207 cases the courts denied the Parole Board or anyone else any opportunity to protect the public from a violent criminal who had already proven that prison was likely to be only a temporary interruption to their assaults. Moreover, around 40 serious violent or sexual crimes in 1994 were committed by offenders *who had already been convicted of a second such offence.*

I believe that the public need much greater protection from these dangerous and persistent offenders. I am sorry if Lord Ackner disagrees.

Yours sincerely,
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50 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
May 22.

From Mr Neville Goldrein

Sir, I am not convinced by the Lord Chief Justice's broad generalisation, in his article today, that "those who actually work in the system — lawyers, judges, probation and prison officers — are clear" that the Home Secretary's proposals on sentencing will not work.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth says, quite rightly, that individual crimes "vary almost infinitely, as do individual criminals". One problem is that the judges vary similarly, leading perforce to an infinite variety in sentencing. This is one of the reasons for the differential in sentences for similar crimes which so disturbs the public.

He concentrates substantially on the proposed minimum sentence for the third burglary, "however modest the value of the theft". For the burgled householder, the invasion of privacy, the vandalism, the interference with personal and sentimental items, whether his goods are stolen or not, is always traumatic. And it is incorrect to say that "no account would be taken of whether the criminal was before the court for three offences or 30", or whether they "involved sophisticated planning or drunken opportunism". The proposals only involve a mandatory minimum and so if the trial judge were to consider the burglary to have been more serious than would warrant a three-year "real-time" sentence, he would still have the discretion to impose a longer sentence.

My experience as a solicitor over many years is that the penalty, if real, is just as much a deterrent as the fear of detection. One of the current problems with burglary is that the criminal knows that the penalty, with remission, would be fairly short-term, and so it is worth the risk.

Lord Taylor suggests that the minimum sentence for a third burglary would be longer than the current average sentence for serious crimes of violence, including rape. This surely confirms that the current sentences imposed by the judges for such offences are far too low in so many instances.

Lord Taylor considers the views of the judiciary and its dislike of any fetter on its discretion. The Home Secretary takes into account the view of the general public — the victims of the burglaries. Surely it would be better to enable the Home Secretary's proposals to proceed. They may well work — the present system certainly does not.

I am, Sir, yours truly,
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May 23.

Gay clergy

From the Reverend Steve Allen

Sir, A former Archbishop of Canterbury has revealed that he has sometimes acted in a "don't want to know way" when interviewing prospective ordinands (report, May 16). This is an admission of a gross neglect of duty.

In the ordination service the bishop says to the congregation: "Those whose duty it is to inquire about these persons and examine them have found them to be of godly life." On the basis of this examination he then asks the congregation if it is their will that he proceed with the ordination.

It would appear from what Lord Runcie now says that there were times when his examination was less than thorough. One wonders just how much our bishops and those who advise them can be trusted in this particular matter.

Yours faithfully,
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May 17.

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Labour policies under close scrutiny

From the Reverend Stephen Jones

Sir, Jill Sherman, your Chief Political Correspondent, is absolutely right (report, May 16) in saying that the "personality splits" among the leading lights in the Labour Party "hide damaging divisions over policy that will become more exposed in the run-up to the general election".

The Labour Party is seriously torn between the imperative of winning power and doing what it was established to do, namely, to protect working people and enhance their rights and status.

This dichotomy is highlighted by a lack of clarity over child and unemployment benefit, taxation, rail privatisation, education and health, as Ms Sherman explains; and Labour only appears to be relatively united over Europe because the Conservatives are even more divided.

I shall vote Labour in the general election, not out of any great confidence or expectation, but because I cannot consider voting for either of the alternatives.

I suppose I am middle-class — one of those whose votes Labour needs — but I reckon it will be a miracle if Labour wins a second term. Then, along with many others, I shall be left wondering where all the compromises and changes of heart over the past decades have got us.

Yours faithfully,
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May 16.

From Ms Fran Bennett

Sir, Paul Barker's article, "Why child benefit is special" (May 17), was a timely reminder of the fact that child benefit is a direct descendant of child tax allowances as well as of a benefit, the family allowance.

This family tree is important because it tells us that child benefit has multiple functions. It is the benefit which reaches those poverty-stricken families that means-tested benefits — despite being designed specifically for them — do not reach.

It acts as a form of savings bank, redistributing resources over the family lifecycle to the time when income tends to be lower relative to expenditure. It does not contribute to the unemployment and poverty traps.

But, above all, it is the only mechanism we now have for recognising the fact that families with children, at whatever income level, have a lower "taxable capacity" than those without. This is recognised in parliamentary answers, in which child benefit is set against tax, as a tax credit.

The implications are simple. We have many different ways in which to redirect money from the better-off to poorer families. We now only have one way in which to adjust the tax burden between those without and those with children. Somehow, we seem to need regular reminders of this crucial fact.

Yours faithfully,
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May 17.

From Sir John Walley

Sir, Nearly thirty years have gone by since (on December 11, 1967) the then Editor of *The Times* gave me the chance of putting forward the case for a universal child benefit which would, at little net cost, replace the existing expensive muddle of child support arrangements and tax allowances and be more valuable to parents.

There was nothing party-political about the proposal. How it fared under the Wilson and Callaghan Governments is fascinatingly described in Paul Barker's article. The story is not a credit to these Governments and I hope that a new Labour Chancellor will not follow them in thinking that this is a field in which financial savings can be looked for.

Yours truly,
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From Ms Lilli Matson

Sir, It would be wrong to be overly gloomy about Labour's transport proposals regarding road pricing and car taxation (report, May 17). It should be remembered that while the real costs of public transport fares have increased over the last ten years, the costs of driving have fallen.

As our congested cities slowly suffocate and the tranquillity of the countryside is destroyed by traffic noise, it is fair to ask how many people actually benefit from the status quo. Indeed, for the quarter of the population without a car, it is likely that things are getting steadily worse.

It is a classic tenet of transport policy that change can only be brought about with a mixture of "carrot and stick" measures. Unless we are brave enough to face the issue of how cheap it is to move around by car, we can expect our nation's roads to grind to a halt, while our transport needs go unmet.

Yours sincerely,
LILLI MATSON
(Transport campaigner),
Council for the Protection
of Rural England,
Warwick House,
25 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1.
May 17.

Literary twinning

From Ms Cynthia Gamble

Sir, Your leading article of May 17, "Fair exchanges", illustrated in a most moving, poignant and vivid way the long-lasting value of Anglo-French pupil exchanges, and in particular cited the example of Jacques Chirac.

I myself was profoundly influenced by my first visit to France when I was a pupil at a country school, Bridgnorth Grammar School, in Shropshire. My profound love of France and subsequent teaching career emanates from that first critical visit and the warm reception I received.

Probably the most recent Anglo-French town twinning is that between Coniston in Cumbria and Illiers-Combray in Eure et Loire. This *jumelage* was finalised last February, when the Mayor of Illiers-Combray and representatives came to Coniston to sign the twinning agreement with their Lakeland counterparts.

Pupil and staff exchanges have already taken place between the John Ruskin School, Coniston, and the Collège Marcel Proust in Illiers-Combray. The twinning of these two small towns, associated with these two great writers, owes its success to the commitment and enthusiasm of the twinning committees and all the local people.

I think that both Ruskin and Proust would have approved.

Yours,
CYNTHIA GAMBLE
(Head, European Relations),
University of East London,
Duncan House, High Street, E15.
May 20.

Lively Lowestoft

From Mr David Porter, MP for Waveney (Conservative)

Sir, It's a pity that your reporter who wrote the story of the ending of the twinning links between Lowestoft and Katwijk (May 23) didn't do a bit more research into the attractions of Lowestoft as a tourist area.

Lowestoft is the most easterly point of the British Isles, and the South Beach is a national award-winning area. There are parks, gardens, sports facilities, the full range of camping and hotel accommodation to compare with anywhere and for all ages, and we have the only adventure park in East Anglia.

Lowestoft is where the Broads meet the sea and, as its native-born and bred Member of Parliament, I challenge your reporter to see our charms for himself before writing anything else disparaging.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PORTER,
House of Commons.
May 23.

Please hold . . .

From Mr K. N. Bladon

Sir, I too dislike telephone queueing systems. The trouble with Mr Harry Cooksley's solution [letter, May 16; other letters, May 13, 22] is that companies are quite happy to ignore faxes and posted letters as well.

The system I like least is that which tells you at half-minute intervals you are no further up the queue.

Yours sincerely,
K. N. BLADON,
57 Little Hill Way,
South Woodgate, Birmingham.
May 16.

Napoleon III's dentist

From Dr P. M. E. Drury

Sir, Howard Davies says, in his review of Beth Archer Brombert's biography of Edouard Manet (May 16), that the main claim to fame of the American dentist Thomas W. Evans was that he "looked after Napoleon III's teeth".

He did have other claims. Following his demonstrations of nitrous oxide anaesthesia in London in March 1868 its use became generally established. Furthermore, he accompanied the Empress Eugénie on her escape from Paris to England in September 1870, the journey being described in some detail in his memoirs.

Yours truly,
P. M. E. DRURY,
80 Green Lane, Liverpool 18.
May 19.

Bowie and Genet

From Mr Alan Read

Sir, David Bowie has not "received a rebuff from the Institute of Contemporary Arts" (Diary, May 10). He is a very welcome contributor to our three-day event, "Incarcerated with Artaud and Genet", and his installation made for the Nash Room will be seen by all who visit the ICA.

David Bowie never intended to "give a lecture" (he is on tour at the time of the event) but if he should wish to in the future we would be delighted to host it.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN READ
(Director of Talks),
Institute of Contemporary Arts,
The Mall, SW1.
May 16.

V&A extension a site for sore eyes?

From Mr Richard Weston

Sir, As a practitioner and supporter of modern architecture I rarely find myself agreeing wholeheartedly with Britain's heritage lobby, but the proposed extension to the Victoria and Albert Museum (report and photograph, May 18) is clearly a carbuncle too far.

If the V&A's Director thinks that it will do for London what the Eiffel Tower did for Paris, perhaps he might like to consider Eiffel's belief that his tower would "have its own beauty" because it conformed to "the first principle of architectural beauty — that the essential lines of a construction be determined by a perfect appropriateness to its use". Daniel Libeskind's extension presumably "works", but it does its best to look as if it couldn't.

The so-called "deconstructivism" promoted by many American intellectuals, of whom Mr Libeskind appears to be one, is not about beauty, but expresses the belief that, after the Holocaust, man must be "decentred" as the subject of architecture.

In a forthcoming book on Modernism I sum up this Post-Modern cult of "violated perfection" as an architecture "designed to discomfort — physically, perceptually and intellectually". These architects appear deeply serious about their work, and there are niche markets worldwide for such delights: but not, let us pray, in South Kensington.

Here, surely, is a worthy cause for the Prince of Wales. For all our sakes I hope he will take up his lance and go to it.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WESTON
(Director),
Radiant World,
57 Lamborne Road, Leicester.
May 18.

From Lord Armstrong of Ilminster

Sir, The trustees of the V&A welcome public discussion of Daniel Libeskind's exciting design concept for the new building, which we hope to be able to put up on the Boilerhouse Yard site, but would like there to be no misunderstanding about the type of construction envisaged.

It will not be a glass building, as you reported. The design concept envisages a space which will be largely glass on the top of the building at the back, looking out towards the Pirelli Gardens, which could house observation, information and restaurant facilities for visitors; but the main construction of the building would be intended to be of a solid material with an external cladding, possibly of tiles. That is what will be seen from Exhibition Road.

Yours faithfully,
ARMSTRONG of ILMINSTER
(Chairman, Board of Trustees),
Victoria and Albert Museum,
South Kensington, SW7.
May 21.

From Mr A. J. Colbert

Sir, The appearance of the proposed Victoria and Albert Museum extension may horrify many but will not shock teachers who have seen national curriculum technology models completed in great haste by disaffected pupils who arrived late for the lesson.

Yours sincerely,
A. J. COLBERT,
25 Leigh Road,
Walsall, West Midlands.
May 18.

Crumbling gravestones

From Mr Arthur S. Daniels

Sir, I was pleased to read your report (May 20) that thousands of inscriptions from crumbling gravestones are being recorded before they are lost to vandals and to the elements.

In 1980 I participated in the recording of all those memorial inscriptions which were legible — and noted the locations of those which were not — in the Lower Arrow Valley in Warwickshire. Subsequent observation has revealed the alarming rate at which many of them have become unreadable.

Elemental forces are largely to blame; but destruction is being wrought as much by the grass-cutter and the tidy-minded as by vandalism: how urgent it is, then, that a proper record be established.

Our records, which are lodged in school and public libraries, with local clergy and at our county records office, have proved invaluable for the study of family history.

Yours faithfully,
A. S. DANIELS
(Committee member, Alcester and
District Local History Society),
Rose Cottage, High Street,
Studley, Warwickshire.
May 20.

Time and money

From Mr Daniel Snowman

Sir, "After 170 years of uselessness and £100,000 of refurbishment, the Government is at last proposing to do something with Marble Arch" (leading article, May 21).

I know it seems they have been there a long time. But *that* long? And spent so little on themselves?

Yours faithfully,
DANIEL SNOWMAN,
46 Molyneux Street, W1.
May 21.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 23: The Duke of Edinburgh today visited Greater Manchester and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Colonel John Timmins).

His Royal Highness this morning visited the University of Salford.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Life Member, later attended the Fiftieth Anniversary Luncheon of the Manchester Naval Officers' Association at Manchester Town Hall.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Heathlands, Jewish Homes for the Aged, Prestwich, Bury.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Royal Engineer Yacht Club, this evening attended a Dinner to mark the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Club at Brompton Barracks, Chatham, Kent.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr Archibald Mackenzie (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Dunbartonshire) at the Memorial Service for Brigadier Alastair Pearson (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Dunbartonshire) which was held in Glasgow Cathedral this afternoon.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Gray.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 23: The Prince of Wales this afternoon gave a Reception for stallholders from Croydon and Dudley Street Markets.

His Royal Highness this evening gave a Reception for members of the Polish Ex-Combatants Association.

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

May 23: The Princess Royal, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, this morning attended a business session of the General Assembly.

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited the Netherbow Arts Centre, Edinburgh.

The Princess Royal this afternoon visited Belmont Castle, Meigle, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross (Sir David Montgomery, Bt).

Her Royal Highness later visited Mid Craigie Parish Church, Dundee, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Dundee (Mr Mervyn Rolf, the Lord Provost).

The Princess Royal afterwards visited the Schools Out Project at Broughty Ferry West Church.

Her Royal Highness this evening watched Beating Retreat at the Palace of Holyroodhouse by pupils of Scottish schools and subsequently attended a Reception.

The Princess Royal later gave a Dinner at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 23: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Norfolk and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk (Sir Timothy Colman KG).

In the morning His Royal Highness opened the Wymondham Bridewell, Norwich Road, Wymondham.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, was present at a St John Ambulance training demonstration at Snetterton Race Circuit, Snetterton.

The Duchess of Gloucester today visited Royal Air Force Cranwell, Sleaford, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire (Mrs Bridget Cracroft-Eley).

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Heathrow Airport at 11.30 to mark its fiftieth anniversary and the redevelopment of Terminal Two.

The Princess Royal, as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, will visit Donaldsons College, West Coates, at 10.40; will visit Lady Haig's Poppy Factory, The Royal British Legion, Logie Green Road, Edinburgh, at 11.35; will visit McLean Primary School, Baldridgeburn Road, Dunfermline, at 3.15; will visit St Ninian's Church, Allan Crescent, at 4.00; and will visit Rosyth Parish Church, Main Street, at 4.30.

Legal appointment

Mr David John Lipman to be a District Judge on the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of the Foreign Minister of the Maldives.

Ministry of Defence

Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff, was the host at a luncheon given by the Ministry of Defence yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of the Chief of the Defence Staff German Armed Forces.

Mid Atlantic Club

M Dominique Moïsi, Deputy Director of the Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI), was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Mr Walter Lessing, Chairman of the club, presided.

Guild of Editors

Mr John Griffith, President of the Guild of Editors, and Mr Bob Satchwell, chairman of the guild's parliamentary and legal committee were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at Bloomsbury House in honour of Mr Peter Mandelson, HM Opposition spokesperson for the Duchy of Lancaster.

Today's birthdays

Sir James Anderton, former Chief Constable, Greater Manchester, 64; Mr Stanley Baxter, comedian, 70; the Duke of Bedford, 79; Sir Timothy Bevan, former chairman, Barclays Bank, 69; Mr Keith J. Budge, Headmaster, Loretto School, 39; Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, 79; Mr Eric Cantona, footballer, 30; Sir Roden Cutler, VC, diplomat, 80; Mr Bob Dylan, singer, 55; Mr Peter Griffiths, MP, 68; Miss Kathleen Hale, author and illustrator, 98; Mr B.L. Hallward, former Vice-Chancellor, Nottingham University, 95; Dame Joan Hammond, opera and concert singer, 84; Mr Robert Hastie, Lord-Lieutenant of West Glamorgan, 63; Sir Terence Heiser, civil servant, 64; Sir Derek Hodgson, former High Court judge, 79; Baroness Hollis of Heigham, 55; Mr Clifford Irving, former chairman, executive council, Isle of Man Government, 82; Mr Christopher Jackson, former MEP, 61; Mrs Liz McColgan, athlete, 32; Colonel John Mayo, director-general, Help the Aged, 65; Mr Adrian Moorhouse, swimmer, 32; Mr Tony Mullett, former director-general, National Criminal Intelligence Service, 63; Mr Steven Norris, MP, 51; Mr Richard Ottaway, MP, 51; Mr Luke Rittner, former secretary-general, Arts Council of Great Britain, 49; Sir Edmund Sargant, solicitor, 90; Lord Justice Staughton, 63; Mr William Trevor, writer, 68; Mr Arnold Wesker, playwright, 64; the Earl of Woolton, 38.

STEWART COOK

Pat Lapham, co-ordinator of volunteers, working on the brickwork of a 16th-century cottage that is being *rebuilt brick by brick* at the Chiltern Open Air Museum, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire. Volunteers expect to take two years to rebuild the cottage which originally stood on the site of the Queen Mary Reservoir near Shepperton Studios, Surrey, but was moved from there in 1920

Dinners

Loriners' Company

King Husain of Jordan, accompanied by Queen Noor, were the guests of honour at a livery dinner of the Loriners' Company held last night at the Mansion House and was received by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. Mr John F.S. Northcott, Master, presided. The Lord Mayor, King Husain and Mr John Bischoff, Upper Warden, also spoke. Among others present were:

The Masters of the Vintners', Barbers', Saddlers', Painter-Stainers' and Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Companies, Captain Mark Phillips, the Canadian Defence Adviser and the Mayor of Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

HM Lord High Commissioner

The Princess Royal, Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:

Mr Donald and Lady Cecil Cameron, Ms Jan Clayton, Dr and Mrs John Cormack, Mr Gordon and Mrs Alison Davies, Mr and Mrs Brian Hammond, Mrs Geraldine Peacock, Professor Chris Rojek, Mr and Mrs Alistair Robertson, the Rev Tom and Mrs Scott, Dr and Mrs Andrew Weir, Professor and Mrs Bryan Williams and Mr and Mrs Colin Williams.

Leeds Philharmonic Society

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leeds attended a dinner held last night at the Civic Hall, Leeds, to mark the 125th anniversary of the Leeds Philharmonic Society. The Countess of Harewood, president, was in the chair. Mr David Lloyd-Jones and Mr John Brodwell, honorary secretary, also spoke.

Fruiterers' Company

Mr M.J. Tanguy, Master of the Fruiterers' Company, presided, assisted by the Wardens at the annual audit court dinner held last night at Barber-Surgeons' Hall. Professor G.R. Dixon, Professor of Horticulture at Strathclyde University, and Mr E.C. Dilley also spoke.

Service dinners

HMS Marlborough

Admiral Sir Jeremy and Lady Black, Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Mullens and Vice-Admiral and Mrs J.R. Brigstocke were among the guests at a dinner held last night onboard *HMS Marlborough* in Portsmouth Naval Base to mark the 290th anniversary of the Battle of Ramillies. Captain J.F. Rodley presided.

HAC Active Officers

Active Officers of the Honourable Artillery Company dined last night at Armoury House. Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Lalor, Commanding Officer, presided. General Sir Michael Wilkes, Colonel Commandant, General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, Lieutenant-General Hew Pike, Major-General Geoffrey Field, Major-General Timothy Granville-Chapman, Major-General Iain Mackay-Dick and Sir Moray Stewart were among those present.

31st Signal Regiment (Volunteers)

Lieutenant-Colonel R.T. Weston, Commanding Officer of the 31st Signal Regiment (Volunteers), was the host at the Mayor Making dinner held last night at Southfields Territorial Army Centre. The Mayor of Wandsworth, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea and the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon attended.

School news

Eton College

The following boys have been elected to King's Scholarships:

H.E.F. Smith (Horris Hill), A.H.L. Fisher (Milbourne Lodge), R.M.D.W. Gilbert (Ludgrove), E.T. Brims (Elstree), A.O. Hussain (King's College School), K.E.K.Y. Lam (Sunningdale), P.A.H. Thomas (Beechwood Park), P.H.Q. de Wilde (Summer Fields), M.T. MacDonald (Newland House), M.J. Pappenheim (Dolphin School), G.W.A. Horton (Cathedral Choir School, Ripon), S.A.E. Molyneux-Webb (Dragon School), M.E. Overton (Haileybury Junior School), G.S.J. Hitchcock (St George's, Windsor and Eton College).

The following boys have qualified for the title Oppidan Scholar:

F.J. Eckersley (Ludgrove), M.J.S. Beith (Westminster Under School), T.S. Carroll (Milbourne Lodge and Eton College), C.D.A. Wright (Caldicott), G.A.D. McDonald (Wellesley House).

The Annah Shaw Scholarship: N.W.H. Collon (Milbourne Lodge).

The Oppidan Exhibition: J.A.D. Mikiel-Hunter (Milbourne Lodge).

Tonbridge School

Academic Scholarships 1996

Scholarships have been awarded to the following (in order of merit):

1 Richard Owen, Vinehall; 2 Zhern Majoe, Holmewood House; 3 Thomas Latter, Holmewood House; 4 Andrew Rowson, Hilden Grange; 5 Stuart Cook, The New Beacon; 6 Alastair Jamieson, The New Beacon; 7 Matthew Train, Holmewood House; 8 Jamie McKerchar, Aberdour; 9 Paul Chishick, Vinehall; 10 Daniel Stevens, Holmewood House; 11 Hugo Bush, Aldro; 12 Daniel Caines, The New Beacon; 13 James Barnard, Yardley Court; 14 Thomas Lawes, Holmewood House; 15 William Walter, The New Beacon; 16 Owain Shave, Feltonfleet; 17 Ben Sheffield, St Bede's; 18 Jonathan Hollis, Papplewick; 19 David Anderson, Bickley Park; 20 Rhys Evans, Downsend; 21 Christopher Ho, Bickley Park; 22 Nicholas Winder, Eylesden Court; 23 William Sullivan, The New Beacon.

Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire

The following Scholarships and Exhibitions have been awarded in 1996:

The Wellesley Scholarship and Major Music Scholarship: Tom Ohta, Milbourne Lodge School.

The Benson Scholarship: Nicolas Gallagher, Caldicott.

The Fisher Scholarship: John Percival, Yateley Manor.

The West Scholarship: Daniel West, Papplewick.

The Richard Morrison Scholarship: Benedict Lewsley, Eagle House.

An Open Scholarship: Luke Fenn, Eagle House.

An Open Scholarship for merit in Science and Art: James Williams, Aldro School.

Continuation Scholarship: Robert Hemsley, Eagle House.

The Art Scholarship: Carl Ambrus, King's House, Richmond.

Music Scholarship and Academic Exhibition: Lance Holman, Crosfields.

Exhibitions: Alexander Mitchell, Crosfields; Ian Barker for merit in Maths, St Andrew's, Pangbourne; Ewan Gorford, Eagle House; Andrew Poole for merit in Languages, Yateley Manor; Amreet Rai, Aldro School; Simon Petri, Yateley Manor.

Junior Scholar from Eagle House: Casey Harwood, Eagle House.

Academic Awards for Girls joining the Sixth Form: Victoria Heathcote, Haberdashers' Monmouth School; Joanna Henry, Bodmin Community College; Sophie Collier, Rendcomb College.

Sixth Form Music Scholarship: Antonia Finch, Licensed Victuallers' School, Ascot.

Wellington College is a Registered Charity which exists to provide education.

Memorial service

Brigadier Alastair Pearson

The Queen was represented by Mr Archibald MacKenzie, Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Dunbartonshire, at a memorial service for Brigadier Alastair Pearson held yesterday in Glasgow Cathedral. The Prince of Wales was represented by Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Gray.

The Very Rev Dr William J. Morris, KCVO, Minister of Glasgow Cathedral and Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland, officiated, assisted by the Rev Ken Russell, Minister of Jamestown Parish Church. The Rev James Smith, Lieutenant-Colonel Steven D. Cave and Mr Iain Stuart, son-in-law, read the lessons. Colonel Alan G. Rutherford read from John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*.

General Sir Geoffrey Howlett, Mr Miles Stuart, grandson, Mrs Fiona Stuart, daughter, and Mr T. Wallace McKie paid tribute. Brigadier Donald Hardie, Lord-Lieutenant of Dumbartonshire delivered the Eulogy.

Mrs Francesca Wood, contralto, sang *Lilac Time*, *I can give you Starlight*, *The White Cliffs of Dover and Lili Marlene*.

Pipe Major David Ritchie, 297 Battery, 105 AD Regiment, RA (V) played *Brigadier Alastair Pearson* and *Flowers of the Forest*.

The Secretary of State for Scotland was represented by Sir Russell Hillhouse, Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, and the Parachute Regiment by Lieutenant-General Sir Rupert Smith, General Officer Commanding, Northern Ireland.

The Lord Provost of Glasgow, the Provost of Dumbarton, the Provost of Clydebank, Mr and Mrs David Covell, Mr and Mrs Randal Stewart (step-brothers-in-law and step-sisters) and many other friends attended.

Calls to the Bar

Easter term 1996:
Call Day May 23

Lincoln's Inn

H D A Scott, Liversedge, West Yorkshire; A R Marican, Singapore; R A Williams, Wolverhampton; S Finn, Manchester; J D Garrood, London W9; M J Mulgrew, Gateshead; L Figgest, Lytham, Lancashire; R W Newcombe, Barnet, Hertfordshire; Dr C B Seymour, Dundrum, Dublin, an Irish barrister; D P Davies, Radyr, Cardiff, a former solicitor; Miss M Clark, London W8, a New Zealand barrister.

Inner

P Narayanan, Madras, India; Miss A J McCrory, London N16; Mrs A G Antao, Victoria, Seychelles; T K Mukherjee, London N4; J S Canepa, Gibraltar; C B Austin, St Brelade, Jersey; R Collins, Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

Middle Temple

M B Browne, Preston, Lancashire; W J Morris, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire; Dr K Holland-Elliott, Boughton, Kent; P J Kelly, Blackrock, Co Dublin, Eire; P E Wightman, East Grinstead, West Sussex; Miss K K Khubchand-Daswani, Gibraltar; Miss A C Wetherfield, Richmond, Surrey; P A Caulfield, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear; F P O'Dubhghaill, Barrister of Ireland, Glencorrig, Gloundhuane, Cork; Miss L A O'Sullivan, Barrister of Ireland, Tivoli, Cork; S O'Donovan, Barrister of Ireland, Ovens, Cork; Miss A Lindsay, Barrister of Ireland, Cork; J J Lucey, Barrister of Ireland, Cork.

Gray's Inn

A F Marshall, Farnborough, Hampshire; D J James, Knaresborough, Yorkshire; T J Howard, East Boldon, Tyne and Wear; C W P R Evans, Hadfield, via Hyde, Cheshire; S A H Roy, Camden, London; F P D Wiley, Westminster, London; K R Molloy, Belfast; C R Myles, Nottingham; R W T Beel, Hong Kong; J C McCrudden, Oxford; N M Tatlow, a former solicitor, Stoke on Trent; Chi Keung Wilfred Tsui, Shatin, Hong Kong.

Reception

To Professor Dr Hans Kung

Sir Sigmund Sternberg and the Revd Dr John Bowden held a reception at the Reform Club yesterday to mark the publication of *Yes to a Global Ethic* by Professor Dr Hans Kung.

Latest wills

Mr Paul **Clark-Eddington**, of London SE1, Paul Eddington, the actor, left estate valued at £237,715 net.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.C. Aston
and Miss A.R. Thomas

The engagement is announced between Philip Charles, son of the Revd and Mrs Glyn Aston, of Gwernesney, Monmouthshire, and Alison Rose, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Rees Thomas, of Croesyceiliog, Torfaen.

Mr P.M. Boyle
and Miss J. Brierly

The engagement is announced between Patrick, third son of Mr and Mrs R.H.M. Boyle, of Millport, Isle of Cumbrae, and Jane, youngest daughter of the late Mr P.T. Brierly and of Mrs K. Brierly, of Upminster, Essex.

Mr S.J. Bright
and Miss H.I.P. Barker

The engagement is announced between Steven, son of Mr and Mrs John Bright, of Eltham, Greenwich, and Harriet, daughter of Rev and Mrs Julian Barker, of Repton, Derbyshire.

Dr M.H.K. Bulmer
and Miss I.C. Lloyd

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr Esmond Bulmer, of Poston, Herefordshire, and Lady Wiggin, of Axbridge, Somerset, and Ingrid, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Lloyd, of Woldingham, Surrey.

Mr G.L. Cragoe
and Miss T.A.S. Newall

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of the late Mr Colin Cragoe and of Mrs Patricia Cragoe, of Ticehurst, East Sussex, and Tara, daughter of the late Major R.A.S. Newall and of Mrs Sheila Newall, of Lucks Cottage, Affpuddle, Dorset.

Mr G.J.M. Dawson
and Miss E. Durden-Smith

The engagement is announced between Gordon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Dawson, of Hunton, Kent, and Emma, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Durden-Smith, of Highgate, London.

Mr J.S. de Rohan
and Miss A.J. Norbury

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Maurice de Rohan, of London, and Alison, eldest daughter of the late Dr Hugh Norbury and of Mrs Janet Norbury, of Loughborough.

Mr N.G. Porter
and Miss M-C. Garfield

The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Porter, of Finchfield, Wolverhampton, and Marie-Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Garfield, of Chilworth, Southampton.

Mr T.J.W. Rickman
and Miss I.F. Nyman

The engagement is announced, with great pleasure, between Isabel, younger daughter of Michael and the late Patricia Nyman, of Hindhead, and Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Rickman, of Haslemere.

Mr N.D. Roulier
and Miss G.H. Doyle

The engagement is announced between Nicolas, son of Mr and Mrs C.A. Roulier, of Chobham, Surrey, and Gabrielle, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.J. Doyle, of Knebworth, Hertfordshire.

Mr B.P.B. Francis
and Miss M. Newman

The engagement is announced between Benedict, youngest son of Mr Michael Francis, of Ewelme, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Camilla Francis, of Chichester, and Melissa, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Neil Newman, of Kingwood, Texas.

Mr J.M. Hunt
and Miss D.A. Patterson

The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Hunt, of Strawberry Hill, Middlesex, and Deborah, daughter of Mrs Richard Patterson, and stepdaughter of Mr Richard Patterson, of Perth, Scotland.

Mr A.J. Mayhew
and Miss A.J.C. Clarkson

The engagement is announced between Angus, younger son of Mr and Mrs Philip Mayhew, of The Old Rectory, Beechingstoke, Wiltshire, and Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Clarkson, of Crouch Lane Farm, Winkfield, Berkshire.

Mr P.W. Robinson
and Miss L.C. Appleton

The engagement is announced between Patrick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Jolyon Robinson, of Beldorney, Glass, Aberdeenshire, and Lorraine, daughter of Mrs Jillian Appleton, of Marshlands, Steep Marsh, Petersfield, Hampshire.

Mr G. Rowe
and Miss E.L. Searson

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Graham Rowe, second son of Mr and Mrs Donald Rowe, of Duffy, Act, Australia, and Emma Louise Searson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Huw Griffith, of Foys, Popham, Hampshire.

Mr A.E.A. Tiana
and Miss F.M. FitzGerald

The engagement is announced between Andrea, younger son of Mr and Mrs Luigi Tiana, of Milan, and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alastair FitzGerald, of Maiden Bradley, Wiltshire.

Marriages

Mr C.R.P. Bigham
and Miss C.J. Worthington

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Michael's, Raddington, of Mr Charles Bigham, eldest son of the Hon David and Mrs Bigham, and Miss Claire Worthington, daughter of Colonel and Mrs John Worthington. The Rev Graham Owen and the Rev Richard Crossland officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr Charles Villiers was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr S.P.R. Wilkinson
and Miss H.B. Guppy

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 18, 1996, in Southampton, of Mr Simon Peter Ronald Wilkinson, son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Wilkinson, of Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire, and Miss Helen Bridget Guppy, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Guppy, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Gabriel Daniel Fahrenheit, inventor of the mercury thermometer, Gdansk, 1686; Jean Paul Marat, revolutionary, Neuchatel, Switzerland, 1743; Thomas Duncan, painter, Kinclaven, Perthshire, 1807; John Henry Foley, sculptor, Dublin, 1818; Queen Victoria, reigned 1837-1901, Kensington Palace, 1819; Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, dramatist, London, 1855; Jan Christiaan Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa 1919-24 and 1939-48, Riebeck West, Cape Colony, 1870.

DEATHS: David I, King of Scotland 1124-53, Carlisle, 1153; Copernicus, astronomer, Frombork, Poland, 1543; Robert Cecil, 1st Earl of Salisbury, statesman, Marlborough, Wiltshire, 1612; Jane Porter, novelist, Bristol, 1850; William Lloyd Garrison, abolitionist, New York, 1879; Samuel Palmer, landscape painter, Reigate, 1881; Archibald Wavell, 1st Earl Wavell, field marshal, Viceroy of India 1943-47, London, 1950; John Foster Dulles, US Secretary of State 1953-59, Washington, 1959; Duke Ellington, pianist and bandleader, New York, 1974.

Dartmoor prison was opened to house French prisoners-of-war, 1809.

Westminster Bridge opened over the Thames, 1862.

Brooklyn Bridge opened over the East River, 1883.

HMS Hood was sunk by the Bismarck off Greenland, 1941.

Service luncheon

Propeller Club

Mr Richard J. Sayer, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Propeller Club of the United States, Port of London, held yesterday in Grosvenor Square. Captain G. Helliniakakis presided. Mr Duncan Lyons also spoke.

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BIRTHS

ACKROYD - On May 21st, to Geraldine (née Wooler) and Tim, a daughter, Alicia Louise May, a sister for Alexandra and James.

ATHERSYCH - On 18th May, to Jane (née Hutchins) and Christopher, a son, William Humphrey Oliver, a brother for Thomas and Hugh.

BALLARD - Caitlin Finn born at The Portland Hospital to David and Alison on Sunday May 19th at 6.11 pm, sister to Joe and Alex.

BURTON - On May 19th, to Sophia (née Colliet) and James, a daughter, Phoebe Cordelia.

[illegible] - On 18th May, to Melanie and Yaron, a son, Theo Felix.

FONE - On May 20th, to Clare (née Hyslop) and Mark, a son, Thomas Henry. Sadly he lived only a day. Our thanks for their loving care to all the staff at St Mary's, Paddington.

HILL - On 21st May, to Janey and Nick, a son, Edmund Robin Arthur, Viscount Kilwarlin, a brother for Isabella and Beatrice.

HILLSBOROUGH - See Hill.

JOHNSON - On 21st May in London, to Elise and Roderick, a daughter, Selina May, a sister for Georgina, Roland and Joanna.

LAWRENCE - On May 13th, to Anne-Louise (née Harper) and David, a son, Edward David, a brother for Benedict.

MAUGHAN - On 16th May, to Sisse (née Overgaard) and Jon, "En smuk lille datter" Amelia Benedicte.

McMAHON - On May 20th, to Andrew and Kathleen (née Davies), at Latrobe Hospital, Tasmania, a daughter, Emma Mary.

MILLINGTON-WALLACE - Christina and Miles are delighted to announce the birth of their baby son, Connor Jonathon, 6lbs 10oz at 05.37 on 22nd May 1996.

PERSON - On 22nd May, to Richard and Vicky, a son, George Alexander, a brother for Charlie, James and Caroline.

RILEY - On 17th May at Greenwich Hospital, to Nicola (née Prime) and Martin, a son, James Samuel Henry, a brother for William, Charlotte and Alexandra.

SEERDEN - On May 20th 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to James A. and Christie C., a beautiful daughter, Sydney Anne Celestine at 2:29 am weighing 9lbs 8½oz.

TUBBING - On 16th May 1996 at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Marian (née Treacy) and Ben, a beautiful daughter, Katie Maria Jacoba, a sister for Alice. Deo Gratias.

WRIGHT - On 19th May 1996, to Vicky (née Fullerton) and Maxwell, a son, William Alexander, a brother for Charlotte and James.

THE TIMES

BIRTH AND DEATH NOTICES

To place your Birth or Death Notices over the May Bank Holiday period please call during the following times.

Saturday 25th May 9.30am - 12.30pm
Monday 27th May 9.30am - 12.30pm

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DEATHS

BAUM - Karl died peacefully at home May 22nd. Deeply mourned by his wife Margot. Cremation Sunday 26th May 11.30 am Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11. No flowers please. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation.

BRADLEY - Percy. Peacefully at home aged 107. Much loved father of Moira. Funeral at St Paul's Church, Winchmore Hill on Friday 31st May at 11.30 am. Flowers to Seawards & Co., 448 Green Lane, London N13. tel: (0181) 886-6101.

BRAUS - Dorothea on 22nd May, aged 94, after a short illness. Cremation Friday May 31st 2.30 pm New Southgate Crematorium, Brunswick Park Road, N11. Flowers to Nethercotts, 150 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, EN6. (01707) 645601.

BROTCHIE - On May 22nd passed away peacefully at home, Kenneth Bedford Brotchie O.B.E., aged 90 years, late of Singapore and Malaysia. Very much loved father of Christopher and Michael, grandfather of Holly, Roll and Tori and brother of Peter. The funeral service will take place on Wednesday 5th June 1996 12.30 pm at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Surrey. Floral tributes c/o Lodge Brothers Funeral Directors, 36 High Street, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 8AB, tel: (01932) 854788.

EADY - Brian Nicholas, passed away suddenly May 20th. Loving husband of Sheila and much loved father to Carolyn and Kevin, a loving father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral Service to be held on Friday May 31st at Beaulieu Abbey at 11.45 am followed by interment in Beaulieu Cemetery. Family flowers only by request, but donations made payable to Friends of Urambo and Mwanhala may be sent c/o R. Hallum & Son, 84 Brookley Road, Brockenhurst, Hants.

FROST - Leonora Marian, on *22nd May 1996 after a short* illness courageously borne in The Royal Brompton Hospital. A funeral service will take place at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday May 30th at 11.30 am. At her request, family flowers only, but donations if desired to Battersea Dogs Home may be sent to: J.H. Kenyon Ltd., 49 Marloes Road, W8 6LA.

JOHN - Patricia (née Beatty) on May 20th at Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury, after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity. Beloved wife of Graham and dearly loved mother of Frances, she will be sadly missed. Cremation at Barham, Kent, at 3 pm on June 4th. Donations to Animal welfare charities and the Pilgrims Hospice appreciated.

LEVACK - On May 22nd at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Laurence Claude, dearly loved husband of Brenda, beloved brother of Betty and Jean. Funeral Service at Worthing Crematorium on Thursday, May 30th at 12.40 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished to Macmillan Services Midhurst or Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 21 West Street, Storrington, West Sussex RH20 4DZ, tel: (01903) 742585.

MAYERS - On 21st May 1996, peacefully in St Thomas's Hospital, Barbara May Pollard, Beloved wife of *Dan E. Mayers. Mother of* Vanda, Randell, Gayle and Darrel. Service at St Peter & St Paul Church, Wadhurst on Thursday 30th May at 2pm.

MORRISON - On 23rd May Marie Jeanne, much loved mother of David and sister of Diana.

NYMAN - Patricia died peacefully on May 17th. Light of her husband's life, beautiful in presence and spirit, perfect in her relationships. She enriched her family and friends with her active love and joyful hospitality, and her pupils with her gifted music teaching. Mourned by Michael, Juliet, Trevor, Isabel, Tim and all blessed by having known her.

ORÜS STEVENS - Emily Rose on May 18th in a car accident aged 19. Much loved youngest daughter of Judith and Jesús, sister of Ximena and Gabriella and granddaughter of Peggy. Private funeral. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, Chelsea on June 5th at 2 pm. All are welcome.

PARKER - On May 22nd Robert M., O.B.E. aged 77. Formerly Chief Education Officer, Somerset. Service on Thursday, May 30th at 3 pm at the Isle of Wight Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to "R.N.L.I. Yarmouth Branch". Enquiries to Everson F.D. tel: (01983) 755733.

PENTELOW - E. 'Bee' peacefully on Sunday May 19th, beloved wife of the late F.T.K. Pentelow and dear mother of Bill and Gillian. Funeral private.

ROSE - Irving Norman died suddenly in Cape Town last week. Funeral will take place at Putney Vale on Thursday 30th May at 11.45 am. Flowers to T.H. Sanders, Barnes, SW13.

RUSS - Captain John William, dearly beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed peacefully away on 18th May after a brave fight against cancer. Active war service 1939-1945, Desert campaign, Senior Staff College, Haifa. The private funeral service has taken place. Donations, if desired, "In memory of John Russ" to North London Hospice, 47, Woodside Avenue, Finchley, London, N12 8TF.

SCOTT - On Monday 20th May, George Henry John Alderson Scott, aged 61, suddenly in his sleep. Dearly loved father of Richard, Robert, Maxwell and the late Andrew. Private family crematorium service. No flowers, donations in lieu, if wished, to Make A Wish Foundation and Frimley Park Hospital c/o Ford Mears & Partners (01276) 25563. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held on Thursday 6th June at 2.30 pm at St Paul's Church, Camberley.

STERNBERG - See Braus.

STEWART - Duncan Montgomery on 22nd May 1996, dear husband of Valerie and father of Olivia and Hugh, after a long illness borne with courage and optimism. Fellow and Tutor of Wadham College 1955-1979 Principal of Lady Margaret Hall 1979-1995. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Old Headington, on Wednesday 29th May at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Parkinson's Disease Society c/o Edward Carter, 107 South Avenue, Abingdon, OX14 1QS. Memorial Service to be announced later.

STURGESS - On May 18th peacefully in Kingston Hospital John Alfred aged 88 years. Much loved father of Doris and Evelyn. Grateful thanks to staff of Dickens Ward for their care and attention. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Claygate, on Wednesday 29th May 1996 at 10 am. Enquiries/flowers to Co-op Funeral Services, Surbiton, tel: (0181) 399-3920.

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OBITUARIES

PATRICK CARGILL

Patrick Cargill, actor and dramatist, died yesterday aged 77. He was born on June 3, 1918.

PATRICK CARGILL was the star of two immensely popular situation comedies of the 1970s, *Father, Dear Father* and *The Many Wives of Patrick*. The first of these elevated Cargill from a familiar-looking character actor whose name no one could ever quite remember to a household hero among harassed fathers of teenage daughters. Having come up the hard way, through years of repertory theatre, Cargill was amused by the sudden rise in his stock: "It's perfectly hilarious the way I get accosted by everyone from bowler-hatted business types on the Tube to Covent Garden porters, telling me they have daughters like mine. Apparently having daughters is a perfectly classless thing."

Cargill was a light, suave actor, whose impeccable comic talents were not notably stretched by some of the television work he took on. They were seen to better advantage in a production such as the Caryl Brahms and Ned Sherrin adaptation of Feydeau farces, *Ooh La La!*, in the late 1960s. Contrary to the sort of parts he played, Cargill was neither a worn-down father nor an habitual womaniser in real life. He was a bachelor who surrounded himself at home with a regular menagerie of animals, and who talked about acting with schoolboyish enthusiasm. But fate had given him the sort of sharp, haughty face and heavy-lidded, world-weary expression which immediately conjured up libertines and villains. It was a face reminiscent of dry Martinis and white Jaguars.

Edward Sydney Patrick Cargill seemed destined from childhood for a very different life. His father was a major in the Indian Army. After his younger brother had died in a boating accident in India, Patrick reluctantly considered himself bound for a military career in order to please his father. He went from Haileybury to Sandhurst then on to India as a young officer. But he changed his mind when he was out there and resigned his commission.

Family tradition had collided with the smell of the greasepaint, and lost. Cargill had grasped every opportunity to appear on stage as a youth, having taken his first role in a school play as Lady Macbeth. He returned to Britain with ten shillings in his pocket. He made his inauspicious professional debut at Bexhill-on-Sea, dressed as Adam in the Garden of Eden wearing nothing but a pair of green fig-leaf swimming trunks. But the war briefly pulled him back to the Army and he returned to India, this time as an entertainments officer.

After the war he returned to Britain — and to 15 years in repertory theatre. He maintained that a grounding in the theatre was essential for any actor, even for one who wanted to specialise in film and television. The often hilarious, sometimes dispiriting, slog of long runs, back-to-back performances and crowded dressing rooms made Cargill resilient, brought him many friends in the businesss and provided him with a fund of amusing anecdotes.

Cargill, left, as Patrick Glover with his two screen daughters, played by Natasha Pyne and Ann Holloway, and Jeremy Child as Timothy in *Father, Dear Father*, 1972

He remembered one particular occasion, when he was appearing in an Agatha Christie play, and had to cry: "You mean it's . . ." before the interval curtain came down. Cargill delivered the cliff-hanging line, stood there pointing his finger, and waited hopefully. The curtain remained stubbornly raised. He repeated the line several times with mounting embarrassment: "You can't mean it", "Do you really mean to say it's . . ." before eventually shuffling off into the wings, to find the offending stagehand, drunk, and unconscious next to the curtain.

In his youth Cargill was often cast as villains, and he played these with the right degree of silken treachery. Gradually he diversified into comedy. He learnt a good deal about comic timing from his hero, Tony Hancock, and he played the Scottish doctor in Hancock's famous episode *The Blood Donor*. There he uttered the immortal line, "Yes, Mr Hancock, but we're not all Rob Roys".

He began to write his own scripts and plays and staged a comedy set in a sanatorium, co-written with Jack Beale, *Time on Their Hands*, at the Q Theatre in 1954. *Ring for Catty* (1956), again set in a hospital, was another moderate success at the Lyric. A more recent play, *Don't Misunderstand Me*, which he toured all over Britain in the 1980s, is about to be performed in Paris.

During the 1960s, with middle age looming, Cargill's professional prospects improved markedly. The revue *High Spirits* at the Hippodrome brought good notices, and he became familiar to television audiences through his performance as a secret agent in *Top Secret*, and via appearances on *The Avengers* and *The Prisoner*. He notched up three-and-a-half years in the successful West End comedy *Boeing-Boeing* at the Apollo, and played Inspector Gluck in the new Beatles film, *Help!* In 1966, while appearing in *Say Who You Are* at Her Majesty's, he was spotted by Charlie Chaplin, and chosen to play the part of Hudson, the gentleman's gentleman, in *A Countess from Hong Kong*.

In 1967 Cargill had his big break when he was offered the chance of his own television situation comedy on ITV. *Father, Dear Father* was written especially for him and cast Cargill as Patrick Glover, a talented thriller-writer, but a hopelessly inept father of two mini-skirted teenage daughters. The show was an enormous popular success, not only in Britain but abroad. Cargill's urbane character became so popular in Australia that he lived for a while in Sydney to make a special antipodean version of the series.

The adaptations of the Georges Feydeau farces were first televised in the late 1960s, and repeated many times. Cargill played a different character in each of the one-hour dramas. An excellent supporting cast was gathered around him, which included Judi Dench, Joan Sims, Richard Briers and Bernard Cribbins. There was an elegance about the plays, and an extravagence of language which took Cargill a long way from the occasional banalities he had to utter in modern situation comedy, and he was grateful for the change of pace.

Father, Dear Father ran until 1973. In 1976 Cargill returned to the small screen with *The Many Wives of Patrick*, about a middle-aged playboy who is trying to divorce his sixth wife in order to remarry his first. That show ran until 1980.

Cargill had been one of the inescapable faces of television comedy during the 1970s. In the last decade of his life he returned to his first love, the stage. He starred as Gordon in *Key For Two* at the Vaudeville (1983); Sir Joseph Porter (the Ruler of the Queen's Navee) in *HMS Pinafore* at Queen Elizabeth Hall; and took the title role in *Captain Beaky* at the Playhouse in 1990. Recently he toured with British Airways Playhouse, run by his friend Derek Nimmo.

When he was young, he had shared his home in Sheen with a cat, hamster, monkey, dog and parrot. In 1987 he moved to Henley, and lived with his ward, James Markowski, and a housekeeper. His health had been frail since last December when it was discovered that he had cancer. But he refused to give up hope, and was determined to beat the illness until only a few days ago.

MICHAEL STOBBS

Michael Stobbs, Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and assistant director of research in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy, died from a heart attack on April 26 aged 51. He was born on August 11, 1944.

MICHAEL STOBBS acquired international status as a pioneer of new techniques in electron microscopy. The application of Stobbs's techniques for examining the structure and composition of materials has not only changed the ways in which electron microscopes have been used but has also influenced the way in which modern advanced microscopes are designed.

He was a man who thrived on diversity and the breadth of his work was unparalleled. He led the thinking in a range of widely differing fields of materials science. The key to his extraordinary scope lay in the absolute clarity with which he was able to see thematic links within all areas of his research. Striving to improve the properties of materials, Stobbs initiated an approach to electron microscopy in which the problems he encountered could be solved through the development of new methodologies. Academically and industrially his influence has been far-reaching.

Stobbs was, indeed, much more than an inventor of techniques. His approach allowed him to touch the very heart of a problem — and the solving of complex problems with materials was his abiding passion. He saw no point in developing a useful technique for its own sake, and he put his inventions to immediate practical use. He particularly enjoyed challenging outmoded theories and dogmas.

Many of his papers led to the reappraisal of previously accepted mechanisms, and this initiated a lively and welcome liaison between the academic and the industrial. His sudden death came at a time when he was leading investigations into the understanding of interface controlled properties and transformations.

William Michael Stobbs went up to Cambridge in 1963 where he read Natural Sciences as an Exhibition Scholar at St John's. Graduation was followed by three years in the Cavendish Laboratories, where he did his PhD, and it was during this time that he determined to pursue a research-based career.

Industry immediately acknowledged his potential and he was made a CEGB Research Fellow — a post which he held jointly with the Goldsmiths Research Fellowship at Churchill College. In 1970 he became a Staff Fellow at Trinity Hall. He also held the Royal Society Armourers and Brasiers Research Fellowship and in 1977 was appointed as an assistant director of research in the Department of Metallurgy and Materials Science under the professorship of Sir Robert Honeycombe (as he now is), who gave him the responsibility of developing research and research-training in the area of transmission electron microscopy.

It was in this capacity that Stobbs was to realise his essential aim in helping postgraduates to become what he felt were "good" scientists. For him this involved the pursuit of truth — about which there could be no compromise. A deep moral passion was the driving force behind all his achievements and endeavours.

He was a kind, optimistic and warm-hearted man who had an unshakeable belief in the potential of his students. The number who have gone on to prominent academic or industrial positions is a testament to his innovative thinking and untiring enthusiasm. Stobbs will be remembered for the way in which he threw himself into projects with unreserved energy and for the astonishing speed with which he was able to assimilate data. He was always excited by the unexpected course a piece of work might take and drew enormous inner satisfaction from seeing a student develop into a scientist. To many he was a mentor.

Michael Stobbs edited the *Journal of Microscopy* and was made editor of the *Philosophical Magazine* in 1990. Typically, he did this almost single-handedly and was grateful for the opportunity it gave him to explore new fields. He loved to learn in this way. He was made a Doctor of Science in 1955 and awarded the Rosenhain Medal of the Institute of Metals in 1990.

Stobbs spent periods working in the United States and Japan but always returned to Cambridge, where he regarded his college, Trinity Hall, as his second home. He never found much satisfaction in lecturing, and yet Trinity Hall was where he committed himself to undergraduates. For nearly twenty years he was director of studies in Natural Sciences and in this capacity he shaped the lives of many undergraduates through his personal teaching and his sensitivity as a tutor.

Stobbs cared deeply about undergraduates' wellbeing and progress. He believed wholeheartedly in the merits of the collegiate system, and for several years played a major role in undergraduate admissions in the sciences.

Michael Stobbs had a distinctive physical appearance, and he dressed as he liked and rarely as convention would have it. He was an immediately recognisable figure in Cambridge as he walked at a considerable pace from department to college, deep in thought. He was a man devoted to his family, of whom he was immensely proud. He derived enormous pleasure from family life and always acknowledged the strength and support that his family gave him.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, whom he married in 1965, and by their two sons.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE

William Lawrence, Chief Constable, South Wales Constabulary, since 1989, died of cancer on May 21 aged 53. He was born on September 21, 1942.

THE longest serving Chief Constable of the South Wales police force, Robert Lawrence successfully led his team through one of the most difficult periods in its history. A man of great determination, he was involved in tough and tense negotiations with the Home Office in 1993 at the height of a financial crisis when serious underfunding put the efficiency and effectiveness of his force under threat. With his officers working in run-down buildings and driving patrol cars with more than 150,000 miles on the clock, Lawrence gave warning that, unless the Government could provide him with more money, he would have to consider serious manpower cuts. This, he said could result in chaos. Lawrence's ultimate successs in gaining the necessary funds was a tribute to his tenacity.

In 1993 he attracted considerable press attention when he urged members of the Royal Family to stop visiting South Wales because, in the face of severe budget cuts, he could no longer afford to guard them. Visits from the Prince of Wales, he said, involved diverting funds from other policing projects.

William Robert Lawrence was born in Ystradgynlais, Powys, and educated at Maesydderwen Grammar School. He began his police career in 1961 when he joined the Mid Wales Constabulary, later to become part of Dyfed-Powys Police. He was promoted to sergeant in 1970, inspector in 1972 and three years later, in 1975, to chief inspector.

In 1978 he was transferred to the West Mercia police on promotion to superintendent and, in 1982, was promoted to chief superintendent in the role of divisional commander. A year later he was appointed Assistant Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police, later being promoted once more to the rank of Deputy Chief Constable and subsequently, Acting Chief Constable. He also studied during this time with the Open University and gained a BA in 1988.

On May 1, 1989, Lawrence took over the helm as Chief Constable of the South Wales Constabulary. But he never forgot his roots and carried out his role as a Chief Constable with attentive concern for the lot of the "bobby on the beat".

A compassionate man and an attentive listener, Lawrence believed that policing was all about people. He was also a challenging conversationalist with an acute memory and a remarkable ability to encompass and understand the finest details. His breadth of vision extended well beyond policing circles.

In 1991 he was awarded the Queen's Police Medal. He also held the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and served as a Brother in the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem.

He was a vociferous spectator at police rugby matches, a keen fisherman and a supporter of amateur boxing. He was also an enthusiastic golfer and even while recovering from major surgery during his last illness would continue, with typical determination, to play all 18 holes on the course.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen and by a daughter and a son.

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ON THIS DAY

May 24, 1927

Not perhaps the most accessible of D.H. Lawrence's works, this biblical play brought together some notable performers including Robert Harris, Angela Baddeley and Frank Vosper.

"DAVID."

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BY D. H. LAWRENCE.

It is legitimate to ask what purpose the dramatist had in mind in making use of the Biblical story, and it is fatal to the play if the question remains unanswered. What Mr. Lawrence has done here is clear enough: he has filled out the story of Saul, rather than of David, with the peculiar intensity of language he invariably uses——the sort of language he cannot help using. Why he should have chosen this particular story we cannot say. The manner of its telling is this:——And Samuel, prophet of God, said to Saul, King of Israel: Because you would not sacrifice the cattle of the Amalekites to the Lord, but sought to distribute them among the people of Israel, you are rejected of God. I will go find another to be the Lord's anointed. And Samuel went to the house of Jesse, and anointed his youngest son David, in whose limbs ran the Heavenly flame. And Saul sought to destroy David, whose body was a flame, whose soul was a flame, and whose kingdom was a kingdom of flame. And because of the flame David fled from the wrath of Saul, and Jonathan prophesied that he would come truly into his kingdom of flame only after the death of Saul.

Here is Mr Lawrence's theme, and, impressed as we often are by the vehemence of his impassioned words, we are bound to say that the result is neither drama nor poetry. Truth to tell, this unending insistence on the verbal symbols of mysticism grows wearisome long before the last of the 16 scenes. Flames of life and love and spirit, if they are meant for the theatre at all, need to be illustrated in common or uncommon actions; merely to speak of them in dark hints conveys nothing. In two scenes only are we brought into the drama of Saul and David: where David and Jonathan exchange robes, taking oath of their friendship, and where Saul is visited by evil spirits, while David sings to restore him to his kingly mind, we are conscious of more than curiosity at Mr. Lawrence's experiment. But there is hardly anything else in the play which tempts us to lose our detachment.

It is a difficult piece to act, and Mr. Peter Creswell, as Saul, was called upon to bear the chief burden. His voice is rather too thick and indistinct for the passion of eloquence his part requires, and, intense as was his bearing, we missed many shades of meaning in his performance. The Samuel of Mr. Harcourt Williams was not more satisfactory, although for a quite different reason; his seemed a rather careless study, entirely wanting in the nervous force one would suppose essential to a major prophet. The David of Mr. Robert Harris and the Jonathan of Mr. Frank Vosper were much better; and most satisfying of all was the Michal of Miss Angela Baddeley, who pictured for us something of the beauty that, it was evident, lay like a weight on Mr. Lawrence's mind. While she was on the stage we could imagine what went on in the mind of Saul. She looked very lovely and possessed of more spirit than Saul or David or the whole company of prophets.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Rifkind warns of long 'beef war'

■ Malcolm Rifkind warned Europe last night that Britain's campaign of non-co-operation may continue until the autumn unless there is agreement to lift the beef ban.

The Foreign Secretary hardened Britain's position over the beef crisis after John Major held the first meeting of his so-called "war cabinet" to decide tactics in the offensive against the rest of the European Union .... **Pages 1, 2**

Victim of 'road rage' begged for mercy

■ A girl who saw her fiancé stabbed to death during a "road rage" attack last Sunday described how she pleaded with the killer not to hurt him. Danielle Cable, 17, a waitress, said other motorists near the M25 in Kent ignored her requests and she was helpless as her boyfriend, Stephen Cameron, 21, died in her arms .... **Page 1**

Fighting Howard

Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, backed by former Tory ministers and other peers, told the Government they would seek to block flagship plans for tougher jail sentences .... **Page 1**

Hacker's US attack

A teenage hacker in London took control of the computer network at a top US Air Force research laboratory, investigators in Washington said .... **Page 1**

Labour's loss

Rumours of a affair between two politicians lost the Labour Party a key London council after a stormy meeting last night .... **Page 3**

Editor admonished

The Editor of the *Sunday Express* acted in an utterly irrational and whimsical fashion when she dismissed a highly regarded male executive, an industrial tribunal chairman said .... **Page 5**

Ticket turmoil

Ticket sales for Euro 96 were in turmoil as about 1,000 Wembley seats destined for Dutch supporters were withheld because they were in areas reserved for English fans .... **Page 6**

Army veteran jailed

A former soldier developed such a hatred of homosexuals after he was raped by a colleague in the Army that he tried to kill a man who picked him up in a bar, the Old Bailey was told .... **Page 8**

Dead seal inquiry

A photograph of three men carrying clubs, taken shortly before grey seals were found battered to death, was being studied by RSPCA officials .... **Page 9**

Gardening hints

Gardeners on the South Coast have been told to concentrate on plants more suited to semi-arid climes .... **Page 10**

California arrests

Representatives of China's two main arms firms in California were arrested after an 18-month "sting" operation and America's biggest seizure of smuggled automatic weapons .... **Page 12**

Aum gas order

Shoko Asahara, the leader of the Aum Shinrikyo cult, ordered disciples to mass produce nerve gas and test its power in the streets of a town north of Tokyo, prosecutors told a court .... **Page 14**

Armed 'democracy'

The Kashmir Valley's first polls in seven years undermined India's promise of a free and fair poll. People were forced out of their homes by soldiers and ordered to vote .... **Page 15**

Caught red-handed

A Russian diplomat accused of spying for Britain was reportedly caught red-handed using high-tech communications equipment to pass secrets to British diplomats in Moscow .... **Page 16**

French honour Briton's courage

■ A British woman who joined the French Foreign Legion in 1940 and played a key role in one of the most important Second World War battles has been awarded the coveted *Légion d'honneur*. Suzan Schlegelmich (née Travers), 86, was presented with the award at her home outside Paris this week by General Hugues Geoffrey .... **Page 16**

MICHAEL POWELL

Adam Faith, the actor, with eight-month-old Josh Wells at yesterday's launch of the Heart of Britain fund-raising campaign, which aims to raise £1.5 million for the Royal Brompton Hospital in London. Josh has undergone heart surgery at the hospital

BUSINESS

Economy: Britain's manufacturing industry remains weak, evidence from business shows today after government figures yesterday suggested the sector is set to perform poorly for some time .... **Page 25**

Cable: Cable and Wireless said it is in partnership talks with several firms after failed negotiations with British Telecom .... **Page 25**

Body Shop: Gordon Roddick, the chairman of Body Shop, and Anita Roddick, its chief executive, have bucked the trend for huge boardroom pay rises .... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 17.2 points to end at 3747.0. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 84.6 to 84.8 after a rise from $1.5103 to $1.5132 and from DM2.3237 to DM2.3311 .... **Page 28**

SPORT

Cricket: Chris Lewis took four wickets in 21 balls to leave India struggling at 96 for five in pursuit of England's 291 for eight in the first Texaco Trophy match at the Oval .... **Page 48**

Football: England beat China 3-0 in Peking. Two goals by Nick Barmby and a third by Paul Gascoigne were apt reward for their professionalism .... **Page 48**

Rugby union: English rugby should know where it stands after today's meeting of the full committee to discuss the direction of the professional game .... **Page 42**

Racing: One of the most remarkable chapters in British racing this century draws to a close next month when Lord Hartington relinquishes the helm .... **Page 41**

ARTS

Musical departure: David Leveaux, better known as Harold Pinter's favourite director, turns his theatrical talents on a new production of *Salome* for English National Opera .... **Page 35**

Theatrical highs: The prolific playwright Peter Whelan scores again with *The Herbal Bed*, while the Maly Drama Theatre Company from St Petersburg is not to be missed in Nottingham .... **Page 35**

Blues man: Keb' Mo', one of the fastest rising blues stars, brings his guitar to the London Blues Festival this weekend .... **Page 36**

Pop albums: Violent images and a shuffling hip-hop beat from the gangsta rapper Ice T; seedy glamour from Peter Perrett, the man touched by a frail genius .... **Page 37**

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ WIN VIP TICKETS
An all-inclusive tennis weekend for two to be won, with centre court tickets for the Stella Artois Championships

■ PLUS . . .
Best of the Bank Holiday TV and radio in *Vision*, the 7-day guide

FEATURES

Valerie Grove interviews "an unpretentious man of simple tastes", Bishop Patrick Kelly of Salford, who will be installed at the end of next month as the new Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool .... **Page 18**

Russian dress sense: Designer-clothes shops are mushrooming all over Moscow and fashion models are now enjoying the status once accorded only to Russian athletes .... **Page 19**

Integrator or segmentist?: Kathryn Knight looks at why some people's boundaries between work and leisure are becoming increasingly hard to define .... **Page 19**

EDUCATION

No intruders: Good security for schools is now vital. Last week's government report on making them safer is now under discussion .... **Page 39**

Marked by war: The restoration of university education in Bosnia is being aided by a British-based appeal .... **Page 39**

THE PAPERS

It would be unfair not to point to John Major's dilemma at home [over the BSE crisis]. The threat against the European Union is really an attempt to keep balance. It is more a cry for help than an ultimatum
— *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: After a Victorian truce, cartoonists resume their attacks on royalty. *We Are (Not) Amused* (BBC2, 7.30pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss on a cure for nervous fliers .... **Page 47**

OPINION

Cattle gridlock

For the moment, Mr Blair has a harder hand to play than his opponent .... **Page 21**

Russian reform

Mr Yavlinsky cannot expect an immediate answer from Mr Yeltsin. His demands are high: his deadline is opportunistic, even impudent. But he would surely add to Mr Yeltsin's appeal, bringing back some of the President's reforming credibility .... **Page 21**

Blow-out

Dinner moderates diplomacy. It is nothing but the continuation of politics by other means, such as Hollandaise sauce. If jaw-jaw is better than war-war, who cares whether the jaws are waffling or chomping? .... **Page 21**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

I think that pornography is loathsome, but for those who are old enough to buy it legally probably not very dangerous. Anyway, I don't need pornography — I've got Wagner .... **Page 20**

JOHN REDWOOD

There is nothing wrong with a Council of Ministers finding common solutions in common policies, although this should usually be done by unanimity rather than by majority voting. There is everything wrong with a court that tells us that our laws have to be changed and which demands £30 million of our money to compensate Spanish fishermen who have not plundered our waters, but who think on reflection that they should have done so .... **Page 20**

OBITUARIES

Patrick Cargill, the actor and dramatist; **Michael Stobbs**, scientist; **William Lawrence**, the Chief Constable of the South Wales Constabulary .... **Page 23**

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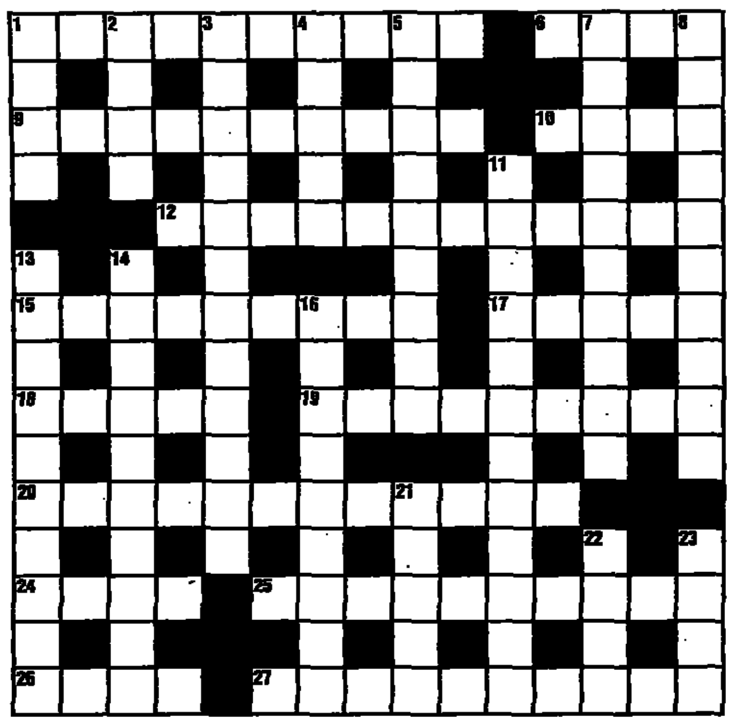

ACROSS

1 Send off letters that may appear under one's name (10).
6 Stuff rejected as basis for brandy (4).
9 Prerogatives of father – Aeneas's (10).
10 Sort of ballads acceptable for Hindu gentleman (4).
12 Neath operative's unexpressed emotion (12).
15 Jumping bail – due in, but not available for hearing (9).
17 Work steadily to grasp popular historian (5).
18 Seeing state of course, enter gelding (5).
19 Italian given extremely cosy home, say – in old Venice, for example (4,5).
20 One who transports reptiles from Asia? (5-7).
24 One member of family in the academic stream (4).
25 Uncertain of moment to put in vote against (10).
26 Highlander's blow on the ear? (4).
27 Firm policy that all men should be brothers (6,4).

DOWN

1 Notice a sort of light pastry (4).
2 A cleaner programme? (4).
3 Burns classification is postgraduate's objective (6-6).
4 Bra is expected to offer uplift (5).
5 Having advance knowledge sent price tumbling (9).
7 Bill a state cut by half for a university (10).
8 Rustics Antony asked for a loan? (10).
11 Abstracted what's second-hand? (12).
13 Nasty housework – one's going, at last, to get stuck in (10).
14 Turn to account, I see, that's unfinished (10).
16 Cold tea served in far from exciting orgy (9).
21 Disorder in city street is upsetting (5).
22 Order a tub (4).
23 Finish second best (4).

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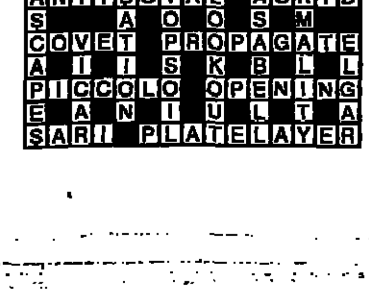

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Margate, Kent, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Milford Haven, Dyfed, 0.47in; highest sunshine: Hunstanton, Norfolk, 10.3hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Northern and central areas of England and Wales will have a bright day with sunny periods. Showers are most likely in the north where a few may turn heavy, but should generally die away again later. In the south a wet and windy morning will be replaced by brighter conditions spreading from the north, though not into Kent, until afternoon.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have bright or sunny weather with showers. Over Scotland the showers may be prolonged at times, and perhaps thundery, but much of the showeriness will peter out by evening.

☐ ***London, SE England, E Anglia,* Central S England, E Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England:** overcast and wet. Rain gradually clearing from north. Brighter later. Winds strong southwest, easing. Cool. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **E England, W Midlands, S Wales, Central N England:** early cloud clearing. Bright with sunny periods. Winds brisk southwesterly, easing. Mild. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow:** bright with sunny periods. Showers developing in afternoon. Winds light southwest, blustery in showers. Mild. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** bright or sunny intervals and showers. The showers heavy at times, perhaps thundery. Showers becoming prolonged for a time in afternoon, largely dying out later. Winds light southwest, gusty in showers. Cool. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **N Ireland:** bright with showers, sunny intervals between showers. Winds moderate southwest, gusting in showers. Cool. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Outlook:** bright and dry on Saturday, rain on Sunday, though northern Scotland staying bright.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	9.0	0.15	18	64	s	Lowestoft	X				
Aspatria	10.0	0.01	14	57	s	Manchester	4.9	0.31	14	57	r
Aviemore	9.5	0.10	15	59	sh	Margate	5.0	0.07	18	64	r
Belfast	5.3	0.09	15	59	f	Minehead	3.9	0.14	14	57	r
Bognor R	2.1	0.08	14	57	d	Morecambe	3.3	0.11	14	57	b
Bournem'th	0.4	0.02	14	57	r	Newcastle	6.1	0.01	15	59	sh
Bristol	2.5	0.20	14	57	r	Newquay	-	0.13	13	55	sh
Buxton	4.8	0.09	13	55	s	Norwich	3.8	0.03	18	64	b
Clacton	7.5	0.02	16	61	s	Oxford	6.3	0.07	15	59	s
Colwyn Bay	4.4	0.01	15	59	c	Penzance	X	0.13	13	55	r
Cromer	4.0	0.05	17	63	s	Poole	0.1	0.03	15	59	r
Dunbar	9.9	0.01	17	63	sh	Prestatyn	X	0.01	15	59	c
Eastbourne	1.2	0.13	14	57	d	Ross-o-wye	5.2	0.01	15	59	s
Edinburgh	X					Ryde	1.9	0.04	14	57	r
Eskdalemuir	3.5	0.12	12	54	sh	Salcombe	-	0.08	13	55	c
Exmouth	1.5	0.02	13	55	d	Sandown	0.9	0.05	14	57	d
Falmouth	1.2	0.44	15	59	du	Saunton Snd	1.8	0.28	14	57	b
Fishguard	3.5	0.22	13	55	r	Scarboro'	6.0	0.01	14	57	s
Folkestone	5.8	0.07	14	57	b	Shanklin	X				
Glasgow	3.7	0.13	14	57	sh	Shrewsbury	5.2	0.03	14	57	r
Guernsey	1.2	0.06	16	61	c	Skegness	7.5	0.06	18	64	s
Hastings	3.0	0.09	15	59	r	Southend	8.3	0.02	16	61	du
Hayling I.	3.5	0.13	14	57	sh	Southport	X				
Herne Bay	6.4	0.07	17	63	r	Southsea	1.6	0.06	14	57	r
Hove	5.1	0.01	13	55	s	Stornoway	1.7	0.07	14	57	b
Hunstanton	10.3	0.06	16	61	s	Swanage	1.0	0.04	14	57	d
Isle of Man	6.3	0.06	13	55	s	Teignmouth	0.8	0.01	14	57	c
Jersey	1.9	0.02	17	63	d	Tenby	X				
Kinloss	6.0	0.08	16	61	sh	Tiree	X				
Leeds	5.1	0.04	15	59	r	Torquay	0.7	0.02	14	57	c
Lerwick	0.2	0.13	7	45	r	Tynemouth	X				
Leuchars	9.8	0.02	15	59	sh	Ventnor	0.2	0.03	12	54	r
Littlehmptn	2.3	0.09	15	59	d	West-s-mare	2.5	0.24	15	59	r
London	3.8	0.02	17	63	r	Weymouth	-	0.03	13	55	r

ABROAD

Ajaccio	20	68	s	Corfu	26	79	s	Majorca	21	70	s	Rome	20	68	s
Akrotiri	26	79	s	C'phagn	10	50	f	Malaga	21	70	s	S Fr'sco	17	63	f
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Dublin	17	63	c	Malta	21	70	c	S Paulo	22	72	c
Algiers	21	70	s	Dubrovnik	20	68	f	Melb'rne	15	59	f	Salzburg	12	54	c
Amst'dm	15	59	f	Faro	24	75	s	Mexico C	25	77	s	Santiago	16	61	s
Athens	30	86	s	Florence	22	72	f	Miami	31	88	f	Seoul	24	75	s
B Aires	17	63	s	Frankfurt	15	59	f	Milan	22	72	s	Sing'por	26	79	t
Bahrain	33	91	c	Funchal	19	66	f	Montreal	22	72	s	St'kholm	17	63	f
Bangkok	29	84	f	Geneva	15	59	f	Moscow	15	59	s	Strasb'rg	14	57	c
Barbados	30	86	c	Gibraltar	21	70	s	Munich	13	55	f	Sydney	17	63	s
Barcelona	20	68	f	Helsinki	17	63	s	N Delhi	34	93	s	Tangier	23	73	s
Beirut	24	75	s	Hong K	30	86	s	N York	24	75	s	Tel Aviv	28	82	s
Belgrade	23	73	c	Innsbrck	15	59	f	Nairobi	24	75	c	Tenerife	25	77	s
Berlin	13	55	f	Istanbul	29	84	s	Naples	24	75	s	Tokyo	17	63	c
Bermuda	24	75	f	Jeddah	36	97	s	Nice	20	68	s	Toronto	21	70	s
Biarritz	19	66	s	Jo'burg	X			Oslo	15	59	f	Tunis	23	73	s
Bordo'x	21	70	s	L Angels	19	66	s	Paris	15	59	f	Valencia	22	72	s
Brussels	15	59	f	L Palmas	23	73	s	Peking	28	82	s	Vanc'ver	12	54	c
Budapest	15	59	r	Le Touqt	14	57	f	Perth	20	68	s	Venice	20	68	s
Cairo	34	93	s	Lisbon	22	72	s	Prague	12	54	t	Vienna	13	55	f
Cape Tn	X			Locarno	20	68	s	Reykjavik	8	46	c	Warsaw	17	63	s
Ch'church	9	48	c	Luxembg	13	55	c	Rhodes	27	81	s	Wash'ton	27	81	s
Chicago	26	79	s	Luxor	38	100	s	Rio de J	24	75	f	Wel'ngton	12	54	c
Cologne	15	59	f	Madrid	20	68	s	Riyadh	38	100	s	Zurich	15	59	f

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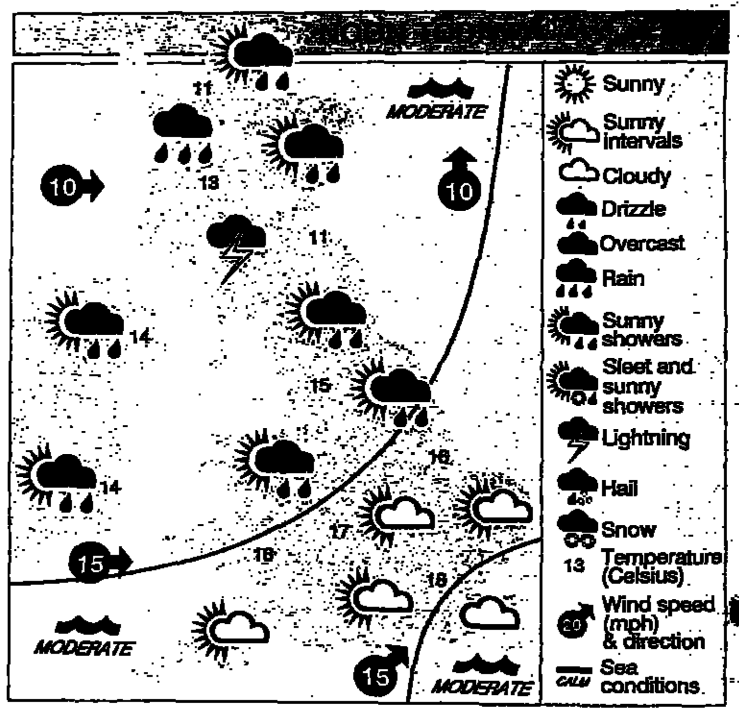

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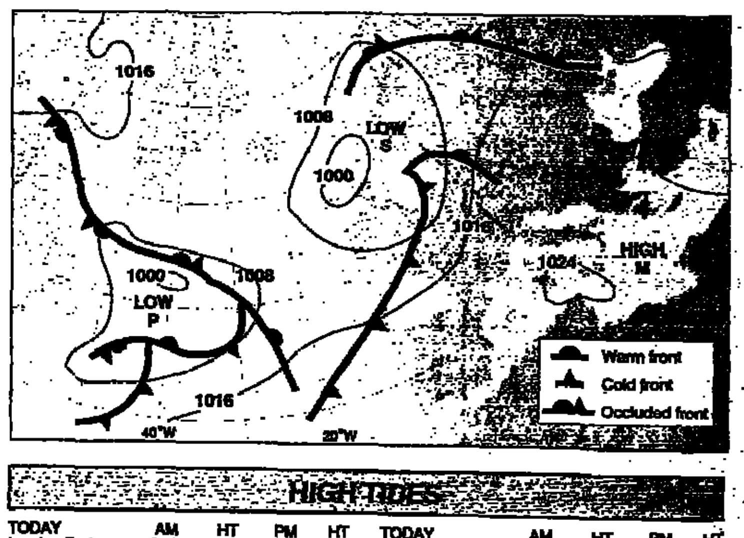

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.49	6.3	5:57	6.2	Leith	6:41	4.7	7:16	4.6
Aberdeen	5:29	3.5	6:09	3.3	Liverpool	3:02	8.1	3:33	7.7
Avonmouth	10:56	10.6	11:08	10.5	Lowestoft	2:03	2.1	1:33	2.2
Belfast	3:21	3.3	3:57	3.0	Margate	4:05	4.1	4:08	4.1
Cardiff	10:37	10.0	10:53	10.1	Milford Haven	10:19	5.4	10:39	5.5
Devonport	9:37	4.5	9:50	4.6	Newquay	9:21	5.2	9:48	5.2
Dover	2:54	5.7	3:21	5.7	Oban	9:50	3.0	9:57	3.2
Dublin (N Wall)	3:42	3.5	4:23	3.3	Penzance	8:47	4.5	9:12	4.6
Falmouth	9:18	3.9	9:47	4.2	Portland	10:23	1.4	10:16	1.5
Greenock	4:20	3.2	5:13	2.8	Portsmouth	3:03	4.1	3:44	4.1
Harwich	3:46	3.5	4:05	3.5	Shoreham	2:46	5.1	3:24	5.1
Holyhead	2:12	4.8	2:48	4.5	Southampton	2:37	3.9	3:11	3.9
Hull (Albert D)	10:01	6.3	10:44	5.9	Swansea	10:20	7.7	10:38	7.7
Ilfracombe	10:05	7.4	10:25	7.5	Tees	7:52	4.6	8:28	4.4
King's Lynn	10:15	5.2	10:46	4.9	Walton-on-Naze	3:36	3.7	3:51	3.6

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Sun sets: 8.59 pm
Moon sets: 1.01 am
Moon rises: 11.25 am
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Edinburgh 9.35 pm to 4.44 am
Manchester 9.17 pm to 4.54 am
Penzance 9.14 pm to 5.23 am

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Japanese bank in line to buy MoD married quarters

By Jason Nissé

NOMURA INTERNATIONAL, the Japanese bank, is on the shortlist for the £1.6 billion privatisation of Ministry of Defence married quarters.

It is one of four names recommended to Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, by NatWest Markets.

The others are British Land, the property giant, ING Barings, the merchant bank, and a consortium led by John Beckwith, the property developer, and backed by Lehman Brothers, the US bank.

The price tag is in the region of £1.6 billion, slightly more than the ministry had expected when it put the portfolio of 55,000 homes on the market last year.

However, it is understood that NatWest Markets rejected an even higher offer because of fears about the bid's financial credibility.

Nineteen bidders put in offers for the portfolio, which has a rental income of £107 million a year but needs a great deal of work. More than 2,700 of the homes are currently vacant.

Nomura's bid is sure to cause a political storm. The Army Families' Federation has already written to MPs expressing "extreme disquiet" about the sale, and their protests are likely to intensify if the homes are sold to a Japanese buyer.

Nomura caused controversy last year when it snapped up a third of Britain's trains in a £628 million deal as part of the privatisation of British Rail.

British Land, John Ritblat's property group, which owns Plantation House in the City, is believed to be one of the strongest contenders. It is backed by Morgan Stanley, the American bank.

The offer from Beckwith Capital Partners is the latest stage in the reemergence of John Beckwith and his brother Peter in the property market. John Beckwith left London & Edinburgh Trust, the company they founded, in 1993 after its takeover by SPP, the Swedish group.

The brothers recently took control of Harlequins, the rugby union football club, through Riverside, their sports club company.

Among the bids thrown out by NatWest were two consortia backed by Halifax and Nationwide, Britain's largest building societies. The Halifax consortium offered about £1.45 billion and included Legal & General, the insurer, and the property management arm of Johnson Fry. Owen Inskip, of Johnson Fry, said: "If this is viewed as a purely financial transaction, problems will emerge if there is not serious housing management experience in the team."

The Nationwide bid was for a similar amount and involved Schroders, the merchant bank, and Bradford Property Trust, Britain's largest rented homes group.

Among other bids rejected were ones from Godfrey Bradman, the former Rosehaugh chief who was backed by Barclays, and a venture capital bid that included Prudential Venture Managers and Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

The privatisation of the married quarters, which are spread over 800 sites from Kensington to Devonport, has brought a great deal of criticism from MPs.

Mr Portillo was forced to admit in a House of Commons written answer in March that rents may rise by more than inflation as a result of the privatisation. And James Arbuthnot, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, is shortly to face the Commons Defence Select Committee to defend the privatisation.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3747.0	(−17.2)
Yield	4.03%	
FT-SE A All share	1885.24	(−7.26)
Nikkei	21724.08	(−233.92)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5764.70	(−13.30)*
S&P Composite	679.40	(+0.98)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	$5\frac{9}{16}$%*	($5\frac{5}{8}$%)
Long Bond	$88\frac{7}{16}$*	($88\frac{23}{32}$)
Yield	6.83%*	(6.80%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	$6\frac{1}{16}$%	($6\frac{1}{16}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	$106\frac{13}{32}$	($106\frac{1}{4}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5135*	(1.5090)
London:		
$	1.5126	(1.5102)
DM	2.3301	(2.3236)
FFr	7.8894	(7.8714)
SFr	1.9112	(1.9111)
Yen	161.51	(161.51)
£ Index	84.8	(84.6)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5403*	(1.5436)
FFr	5.2150*	(5.2255)
SFr	1.2630*	(1.2685)
Yen	106.75*	(107.18)
$ Index	97.2	(97.2)

Tokyo close Yen 106.95

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug)	$18.35	($18.45)

GOLD

London close	$391.55	($391.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Storehouse

Storehouse, the Mothercare to Bhs retail group, managed to squeeze more money out of sales last year, helping to drive pre-tax profits up by 21 per cent, to £109.9 million, in the year to March 30. Gross margins rose by more than 1.5 percentage points. **Page 27**

Merger

Half of the 46,700 shareholders in Royal Insurance need to vote in favour of the merger with Sun Alliance to ensure that deal goes through next month. They must account for 75 per cent of the equity value. **Page 30**

CBI fears prolonged slump at factories

By Philip Bassett and Janet Bush

BRITAIN'S manufacturing industry remains weak, new evidence from business shows today, the day after Government figures suggested that manufacturing is likely to perform poorly for some months to come.

Manufacturing orders are at their lowest for two and a half years, the Confederation of British Industry says today, and an increase in retail sales yesterday suggested that the service sector is continuing to outperform manufacturing.

In its latest monthly industrial trends survey today, the CBI says that manufacturing demand remains weak, with orders again below normal in May.

A net balance of 17 per cent of companies surveyed — those saying orders are above normal set against those saying they are below — reported order books below their usual levels. The CBI says this figure, the same as the order book level in April, shows clearly that orders are not improving. Manufacturing orders have now been below normal for nine successive months, and are at their lowest level in a CBI monthly survey since December 1993.

While manufacturers expect output to rise over the next four months, CBI analysts acknowledge an increasing gap between what companies believe they will see and their performance. Although export demand improved slightly last month, export orders are still below normal.

Business leaders are concerned that the build-up in stocks of finished goods — the CBI's survey of 1,300 manufacturers shows the highest recorded level of stocks since June 1991 — poses a threat to the industry's recovery. CBI leaders say the stock build-up suggests manufacturers "could be disappointed by the pace of growth over the coming months".

Sudhir Junankar, CBI associate economics director, says: "Manufacturing demand is likely to remain weak while the slight revival in exports over the past month remains fragile as short-term growth prospects in our key European markets are poor."

A more detailed breakdown of growth in the fourth quarter, published yesterday by the Office for National Statistics, suggested that manufacturing is likely to remain weak for some months.

Gross domestic product rose by 0.4 per cent in the first quarter, up 2 per cent year on year. While this was unchanged from the preliminary estimate, exports and investment remained weak. Far from starting to draw down huge stocks built up last year when firms were caught out by falling demand at home and in key European export markets, companies built up stocks even further.

The build-up of stocks last year added significantly to economic growth. Conversely, when companies eventually start cutting stock levels, GDP will be depressed.

Andy Cates, of stockbrokers UBS Ltd, said that, at this rate, the Chancellor's forecast of 3 per cent growth this year looked like fantasy.

Consumer spending was the main engine for growth, with a rise of 0.8 per cent but was not seen as dramatic. Retail sales volumes rose by only 0.2 per cent in April, compared with March, lower than the 0.5 per cent expected in the City. There was a drop of 1.5 per cent in sales of household goods, which was seen as disappointing given evidence of a housing market revival.

However, in the three months to April, sales were up 0.7 per cent on the previous three — judged a relatively healthy performance.

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TONY WHITE

Increased dividends mean Anita and Gordon Roddick will take home nearly £1 million each

Roddicks turn down salary rise to £300,000

By Sarah Cunningham

GORDON RODDICK, the chairman of Body Shop, and Anita Roddick, its chief executive, have once again taken the moral high ground, bucking the trend for huge boardroom pay rises.

The couple have declined a suggestion from the company's remuneration committee that they each be paid £300,000 per year, the annual report reveals.

Instead they are to be paid £135,000 each, which is less than the company's managing director, legal director and director in charge of its US operations.

The couple's gesture looks less magnanimous, however, if one takes into account the fact that the Body Shop, criticised in the past for being mean with its dividend, this year increased it by 1p to 3.4p.

One effect of this is that the Roddicks, the two largest shareholders, will both receive about £240,000 more than last year in dividend payments. Taking these into account, each will take home nearly £1 million.

Also to be borne in mind is that fact that Mr Roddick himself chairs the committee which made the recommendation on pay. His wife is also on the committee, along with the company's two non-executive directors.

A spokesman for the Body Shop said Mr Roddick had no explanation for not taking the big pay rise: "He quite simply did not want to accept it," he said.

Anita and Gordon Roddick's basic pay, up from £123,000 last year, will be supplemented by benefits which take them both to £148,000.

Dividends on Anita Roddick's 24,010,456 shares will provide her with an additional £816,355, compared with £576,251 in 1995.

Her husband's 24,226,680 shares will provide him with £823,707 in dividends, compared with £581,440 last year.

The company set up the remuneration committee last year. It is in charge of setting pay and conditions for the executive directors and it takes independent advice to ensure that they are in line with those at comparable companies.

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Clarke moves on tax deal

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, yesterday asked the Securities and Investments Board to investigate reform of the current tax benefits for market-makers.

As revealed in *The Times* on Wednesday, he said he saw some merit in maintaining privileges for market-makers who provide extra liquidity to the market. But he said new rules would need to be readily policed and enforceable and should not have an adverse effect on competition. The Treasury said that in return for exemption from stamp duty, market-makers would have to "make a significant contribution to price setting as well as pre-sale market transparency and contribute substantial extra liquidity to the market."

Angela Knight, the Economic Secretary, said: "The tax system. . .should also ensure competition, fairness and liquidity in the trading of UK equities."

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Cable and Wireless seeks international alliances

By Eric Reguly

CABLE AND WIRELESS said yesterday that it is holding partnership talks with a variety of international companies in the wake of the failure of its merger negotiations with BT.

News of the various talks came as C&W reported a 59 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £1.34 billion, in the year to the March 31, on turnover of £5.52 billion, up 7 per cent. Earnings per share were 27.5p, compared with 11.5p.

The talks probably will lead to the formation of new alliances in several countries, but not an outright merger or takeover. Brian Smith, C&W's chairman, said C&W is effectively bid-proof because the regulatory hurdles of buying a company with operating licences in some 50 countries were too great.

Smaller deals, however, are likely after Richard Brown, the new chief executive, takes up his post in July. C&W, for example, wants to find a partner to strengthen its relatively small American operations. It is also in talks to form an alliance with Stet, the Italian telecoms group.

In Britain, Mercury Communications, which is 80 per cent owned by C&W, is forging commercial links with the cable companies and may cement the relationship through equity swaps, a merger or even takeovers. Peter Howell-Davies, Mercury's chief executive, said: "Our relationship with the cable companies is one of the most important issues we need to address this year."

C&W's sharp rise in pre-tax profits was largely because of the £199 million gain on the sale of a minority stake in a German mobile phone company. Pre-tax profits before exceptionals were up 10 per cent to £1.26 billion. Mercury's operating profits were £231 million, up 14 per cent. A final dividend of 6.92p, making a total of 10p, up 10.5 per cent, is to be paid on September 2.

Saatchi & Saatchi slips to fourth place

By Eric Reguly

SAATCHI & SAATCHI has lost its billing as the country's largest advertising agency for the first time since 1988.

A survey published yesterday by *Marketing Week* shows that Saatchis, which is perhaps best known for its Conservative Party campaigns, has slipped to fourth place, behind J Walter Thompson, Abbott Mead Vickers BBDO and Ogilvy & Mather.

The fall from fame came after Maurice Saatchi, the agency's founder, was forced out. He started his own agency called M&C Saatchi, and took with him some of his old clients, including British Airways, Mars, Dixons and Silk Cut. They collectively spent £98 million on advertising, putting M&C Saatchi 17th in the top 25 table.

Saatchi & Saatchi is now one of two agencies owned by Cordiant. The survey revealed that its clients spent £232.2 million in advertising in the year to March 31, against £325 million the previous year.

J Walter Thompson's clients, including Kelloggs and Benson & Hedges, spent £269 million, up from £257 million.

Saatchi & Saatchi continues to lose clients but the agency is optimistic. Tamara Ingram, joint managing director, said: "We've got a lot more business coming through and we aim to be number one again."

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Nuclear fuel levy may be less than expected

By Philip Bassett

THE Government expects to cut back the nuclear industry's fossil fuel levy by less than ministers had hoped, which may in turn feed through to a smaller fall in electricity prices when the industry is privatised.

Stephen Littlechild, the Director-General of Electricity Supply, expects to announce a reduction in the levy — payment made to the electricity industry to fund its use of nuclear-generated power — when nuclear is privatised later this summer.

Ministers have made it clear that the current levy rate of 10 per cent of the value of electricity sales is likely to fall by up to 8 percentage points, to a level of around 2 per cent.

But ministers said yesterday that current calculations were suggesting a smaller fall in the levy rate *of 5.5-7 percentage points*, suggesting a levy rate of around 3-4.5 per cent.

Tim Eggar, Energy and *Industry Minister, said the* complex calculations to finalise the new rate were not yet completed, but he indicated they were suggesting a levy rate around this level. He denied it represented a lower level than forecast, insisting that it was inside the range of up to 8 percentage points.

Launching the Government's annual Energy Report, Mr Eggar

cited as clear evidence of success in the energy sector changes in energy prices, with the "overriding message" for the year being lower gas and electricity prices for domestic and industrial customers.

In inflation-adjusted terms, annual average domestic electricity prices are at their lowest now since 1974, he said, and 1980 for gas. Industrial electricity prices are lower than any year since records began, and industrial gas prices are now about half their level a decade ago.

Glenmorangie aims to tap export growth

Geoffrey Maddrell, left, and Peter Darbyshire, managing director, announced a 15 per cent rise in pre-tax profits on the back of stronger margins

GEOFFREY MADDRELL, chairman of Glenmor*angie, said the company was aiming to continue* its export drive and increase sales of own-brand products over the coming year (Alasdair Murray writes).

The whisky company *now supplies 13 retailers, primarily in the UK and France, with own-brand* premium whisky. Exports sales to the US increased 80 per cent, with exports making up about 40 per *cent of total* sales. Mr Maddrell added that the company was building a position in India and was set to launch in China this year.

Glenmorangie, which was formerly known as Macdonald Martin Distilleries, yesterday announced a 15 per cent increase in full-year pre-tax profits to £6.6 million. Overall turnover rose 10 per cent to £39 million while case sales increased 21 per cent, bucking the sector trend.

The underlying operating margin increased 7 per cent to 22.4 per cent. The final dividend was increased 13.5 per cent to 9.25p for "A" shares, payable on July 26.

CBI says PSBR overshoot threatens pre-poll tax cuts

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

THE Government's scope for pre-election tax cuts may "evaporate" if public borrowing continues to overshoot, the Confederation of British In*dustry says today.*

The CBI's warning comes as the latest survey of business leaders' voting intentions from the Institute of Management shows no improvement in support for the Conservatives.

The warning about the possibly limited scope for pre-election tax cuts comes in the CBI's economic forecasts pub*lished today. Though much of* the forecast is unchanged from the CBI's February estimates, the confederation says that the continuing overshoot in the PSBR, particularly if it *continues throughout the* year, may well mean that on tax cuts "the room for manoeuvre seems at present very limited".

After examining the shortfall in VAT receipts, which caused the PSBR to end 1995-96 at £31.9 billion, almost £3 billion above the Treasury's own forecast of six months earlier, *the* "tentative" forecast today by CBI economists is that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will be able to cut personal taxes by only £2 billion, or 1p in the pound, in *his November Budget* — though they suggest that the Chancellor will have some further room by way of a £1 billion cut in public spending.

Noting that if an election has not been held by then that the "political pressure on the Chancellor will be as strong as ever for tax cuts", the CBI says: "If PSBR outturns con*tinue to be higher than in our* forecast, then the scope for tax cuts may evaporate if the Government is to achieve its PSBR targets."

However, the CBI is still *suggesting that growth overall* will pick up later this year, with GDP forecast to grow by a "robust" 3 per cent in 1996. Kate Barker, the CBI's chief economic adviser, says today: "We are not talking about the 'feel-good' factor coming back. But we are talking about people feeling better throughout this year and next."

Business support for the Conservatives is still low, according to a survey of 465 managers across industry by the Institute of Management. The survey shows that Conser*vative support among manag*ers now stands at 42 per cent — down from 43 per cent in February and from 62 per cent at the time of the 1992 general election.

Backing for Labour among managers has doubled since the general election, and now stands at 26 per cent — up from 25 per cent in the IoM's last survey.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lawrence payoff is less than predicted

THE Stock Exchange is to reveal a £350,000 payoff for Michael Lawrence, the chief executive sacked in January. The figure — lower than the £400,000 expected by observers — will be revealed next month in the Exchange's annual report.

Yesterday the Exchange unveiled a 9 per cent *fall in its* underlying costs to £161.3 million for the year to March 31. There has been huge debate over how it will manage once it *loses its share settlement* role next month with the introduction of paperless share settlement under Crest. Last year's total income of £196.1 million included £66.6 million from settlement. **Pennington, page 27**

Telewest raises £1.2bn

TELEWEST Communications, Britain's largest cable company, has raised £1.2 billion in debt to fund completion of its network in 1998. The company said the four and a half-year revolving loan by British, American and Canadian banks was arranged at a "very favourable" rate but would not elaborate. The network is about 53 per cent completed and analysts expect the company to end the year with positive operating cashflow. Telewest also plans to introduce number portability in August or September. **Tempus, page 28**

Liability campaign boost

THE campaign by the accountancy profession to win reform of the law on professional *liability* is growing through support from other professions. A letter was sent yesterday to Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, urging him to set up a review of the principle of joint and several liability. Apart from the main UK accountancy bodies, signatories included the 100 Group of Finance Directors, the Institute of Actuaries, the National Association of Pension Funds and the Royal *Institution* of Chartered Surveyors. **Pennington, page 27.**

Pep rules tightened

SCOTTISH AMICABLE is to contest an official rule change that blocks attempts to circumvent the £6,000 personal equity plan limit. The Inland Revenue's move threatens a Pep recently launched by Scottish Amicable in which as much as £50,000 could be invested. The company claimed yesterday that the Revenue had examined the scheme in February. A spokesman said yesterday: "We believe that retrospective intervention by the Revenue more than three weeks into a six-week offer period raises serious issues for the investing public."

Water bid goes to MMC

GENERAL UTILITIES and Saur, French owners of the Folkestone, *Dover* and South East water companies, yesterday won the first round in their hostile bid for Mid Kent Holdings when the Department of Trade and Industry agreed to refer their bid directly to the MMC. Mid Kent had argued the bid was illegal, after GU gave assurances in 1989 that it would not increase its 19.5 per cent stake in the water company. Last month, the High Court referred the matter to the DTI, which *has decided the MMC should resolve all issues.*

British Steel action

BRITISH STEEL is to start legal action against the European Commission over £39 million in state subsidies given to Irish Steel. The action will challenge the legality of the financial support under article 95 of the Treaty of Paris. British Steel argues Irish Steel will be free to raise production from 266,000 tonnes to 450,000 tonnes by the end of the decade, putting at risk 500 jobs in the UK. In June 1994 British Steel began legal challenges to state aid given to Ilva, Italian steel maker, and CSI of Spain.

Cranswick sales rise

CRANSWICK, the company which produces animal feeds and breeds pigs, recorded a 22 per cent sales increase to £142 million in the year to March 31, helped by a 75 per cent lift in the average price of pig to 140p per kilo. However, an increase *in grain price and interest charges of £276,000 hit pre-tax* profits, which nudged up 2.7 per cent to £3.12 million. Sales in bird feed rose 24 per cent to £9.9 million, 7 per cent of overall sales. The final dividend is 6.6p, making a year total of 9.20p (8.65p). Earnings rose to a record 15.6p (14.6p).

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Sales of life and pension policies rebound

By Marianne Curphey

SALES of new life insurance and personal pension policies have started to bounce back after being hit last year by bad publicity and new regulations.

During 1995 sales across the industry fell as the public were reluctant to buy long-term life products after the scandal over the mis-selling of personal pensions. Insurance companies also complained that new rules on disclosure — which governed the sales process — were hampering sales.

However, figures from the Association of British Insurers published yesterday confirmed reports from individual insurers that sales were picking up.

New sales across the indus*try totalled £3.8 billion in the* first quarter of the year, up 9 per cent on the corresponding three months of 1995. The ABI figures followed encouraging first-quarter life sales from the composites. Commercial Union said its life profits were up 13 per cent, and General Accident said its acquisition of Provident Mutual, the life company, helped to counter the effects of severe winter weather.

Mark Boleat, ABI director-general, said: "The tentative, *first signs of an upturn in new* life and pension business, which were evident towards the end of last year, have been reinforced in the first quarter of this year."

☐ The State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (Serps), will not be "restored to its former glory" if Labour wins the next election, according to Chris Smith, Labour's Shadow Social Security Secretary.

Grosvenor invests in Dublin venture

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

THE Duke of Westminister's Grosvenor Estate Holdings is to invest about Ir£60 million in a joint venture to develop a new shopping centre on the outskirts of Dublin. The investment is the first by the UK property investment and development group in the Republic of Ireland.

Grosvenor's partner in the Quarryvale venture is O'Callaghan Properties, which is based in Cork and Ireland's leading developer of shopping centres.

The new shopping centre will occupy 252,000 sq ft of a 187-acre site at the junction of the N4 and M50 roads to the west *of Dublin. O'Callaghan* is reported to have spent up to Ir£20 million purchasing the site and securing planning permission for it.

The Grosvenor deal covers only the shopping centre aspect of the development. O'Callaghan has also secured planning permission for a hotel, a cinema, pub, restaurant and commercial buildings.

Already, Marks & Spencer and C&A have signed up as *two of the anchor tenants in* Quarryvale. The former is already established in Dublin, but Quarryvale will mark C&A's first move into the Republic's retail sector.

Work on the infrastructure *for the site is expected to get* under way by the end of this month, construction will start in early 1997 and the shopping centre should open the following year.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.00	1.94
Austria Sch	17.38	15.86
Belgium Fr	50.77	46.47
Canada $	2.178	2.018
Cyprus Cyp£	0.752	0.697
Denmark Kr	9.55	8.75
Finland Mkk	7.73	7.08
France Fr	8.29	7.64
Germany Dm	2.48	2.27
Greece Dr	383.00	359.00
Hong Kong $	12.32	11.32
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.3300	4.6900
Italy Lira	2461.00	2306.00
Japan Yen	175.40	159.40
Malta	0.589	0.534
Netherlds Gld	2.754	2.524
New Zealand $	2.36	2.14
Norway Kr	10.51	9.71
Portugal Esc	250.00	231.50
S Africa Rd	7.14	6.34
Spain Pta	200.50	187.50
Sweden Kr	10.95	10.15
Switzerland Fr	2.04	1.86
Turkey Lira	121390.	113390.
USA $	1.607	1.477

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11 June 1996	Record Date
2 July 1996	Last date for Mandates or cancellations to be received by Registrars
15 July 1996	Annual General Meeting
30 July 1996	Dividend warrants and New Share certificates posted
31 July 1996	Final Dividend paid. First day of dealings in New Shares

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☐ Continental unrest strikes a warning ☐ Banks fret over company news delay ☐ Business balks at the environmental bill

Fighting shy of German practices

☐ GERMANY'S spate of industrial bloodymindedness may bode ill for New Labour's welfare reform plans. Not because it highlights the costs of welfare hand-outs — those costs have been well known ever since the Federal Republic concocted its blend of generosity and efficiency in the 1950s, and they can hardly come as a surprise in the UK. The real significance of this week's "warning strikes" (warning to whom?) are that they provide a graphic display of German labour inflexibility.

This column argued yesterday that an unseen effect of Labour's punitive taxation plans, which this time will target the rich including the big hitters in the City among others, could be the flight of much of the financial services industry overseas. The City is equally concerned about the effect on inward investment of Labour's social policies. The German experience shows why.

That country's social market model has run its course. Even the Germans can no longer afford to work half as much as the Poles and pay themselves ten times more. But New Labour is explicitly trying to copy the German system, where the workers not the bosses are the fat cats. In his New Labour bible *The State We're In*, Will Hutton says Germany has shown that its muddled brand of capitalism has given it an "inbuilt competitive advantage".

What the German experience has really shown is that welfare generosity *à la* Bonn is a classic ratchet effect. Once the welfare beneficiaries have received their part of the cake they will regard it as theirs forever. According to *Bild* newspaper, one worker's response to Helmut Kohl's £13 billion spending cuts was that now he could only afford a second-hand car. Germans are taking their privileges for granted. Any future government trying to take it away from them will get a bloody nose — as Herr Kohl is about to find out. Similarly, Tony Blair's stakeholders might rather drive their stake through his heart than hand it back.

The hysterical public reaction in France last year to some distinctly modest proposals for austerity, set for a repeat performance this summer, suggest the same lesson: inflexibility may be the main consequence of Labour's welfare reforms. This is certainly the City's fear: a national minimum wage, a Social Chapter, or a job creation programme. If Labour pushes through drastic reforms they will create rigidities. These will not only slow the domestic economy down but also scare away foreign investors.

By comparison, the cost issue is marginal. Money spent on any worthy project is not wasted. And how worthy Labour will be we will not know until Tony Blair and Gordon Brown are neighbours in Downing Street. They will not be signing any "long suicide notes" ahead of an election. But if their plans create inflexibility on a German scale, then they are bad news however worthy they may look.

Time is money even in the City

☐ IT goes against the grain to feel sympathy for the long days put in by the City merchant banks and other advisers, who tend to be paid by the hour. But there is a mood of discontent among the breed at delays at the Exchange's information dissemination system, the Regulatory News Service (RNS).

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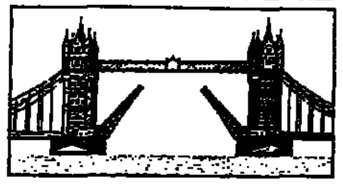

This is the beast that churns out the yards and yards of dull company news that have to be scanned by analysts for the odd nugget of sense, and it is a slow and picky feeder.

The Stock Exchange clearly has higher priorities than RNS. The latest financial results, stripped of one-offs, suggest income may still be running some £10 million below costs and there may be more pain to come even if this summer's Sequence electronic trading system has been self-financing. But coteries of banks have emerged in the past muttering about cutting out RNS altogether even if no one has yet had the bottle to defy the Exchange. They could yet.

At present, it is hard to input company news electronically because the computers at the exchange are 15 years old. This leads to the daft requirement, reminiscent of old Fleet Street at its worst, for every line of those announcements to be typed in again by hand once delivered in paper form. It all leads to awful logjams during busy periods, such as the early mornings.

This is a more important matter than lost beauty sleep for overpaid advisers, because delays in broadcasting vital information can cost money, if one half of the market knows the facts and the other does not. Such delays have occurred during fast-moving takeover bids.

There is no natural monopoly held by the RNS — an electronic line to Reuters, whose technology can handle the announcement in seconds, would be quite legal. For its part, the exchange does not deny the system is technologically outmoded. In March, for example, RNS handled almost 10,000 announcements, two thirds of them retyped from hard copy. Distribution of the necessary computer ware to all listed companies is taking place, but will not be completed before the fourth quarter. Why so long? Must *festina lente* always be the exchange's watchword?

Not too green to fall for business survey

☐ YOU are telephoned by a man with a clipboard. In your normal course of business do you A) care deeply about the environment; or B) prefer to bash seal cubs over the head with baseball bats made out of irreplaceable tropical hardwoods?

Do you A) worry about the health and safety of your employees; or B) routinely work them to death and poison the swine when they run out of puff? And would you like the taxpayer to pay you to be more environmentally friendly? Note that there is no alternative to this question.

Welcome again to the world of self-fulfilling surveys. The latest "proves" that seven out of ten companies now care more about the environment than they did a year previously. This rather makes one wonder about the other three. Have they reached a state of Nirvana-like perfection, at which lofty plane they could not possibly care more. Or couldn't they care less?

Anyone who has picked up the phone and discovered one of these clipboards on the other end knows the heart-sinking realisation that a good half hour is about to be wasted. The real fear is that they might somehow influence public policy — catch a politician at a moment of weakness, perhaps. This survey reaches the astounding conclusion that one thing holding companies back from implementing green policies is the cost. They are none too keen on picking up the tab, naturally, in the form of extra tax and charges. Instead, they want incentives or tax breaks. So who should pay for greener business? You guessed it — you and me.

Balance of blame

☐ THERE is something unedifying about the sight of the big accountants hurrying off to Jersey to form limited liability partnerships. They insist this is their best protection against huge civil actions. Meanwhile, various professions, including the bean-counters, are demanding government action to limit partners' joint and several liability. But how many votes are there in protecting accountants?

Burford seeks £142m to buy property portfolio

BY CARL MORTISHED

BURFORD, the property group which last November spun off the Trocadero as a quoted leisure company, is raising £142 million in a rights issue to shareholders. The new money will finance the purchase of a £70.8 million portfolio of properties from Shell Pensions Trust and provide funding for the development of a shopping and leisure complex on Finchley Road, North London.

Burford's rights issue comes after a cash call from Chelsfield on Tuesday, also targeted at investment in the capital. Chelsfield's £100 million rights is earmarked for its White City retail and leisure development in West London and both companies are tapping the stock market after the recent surge in property shares. Since the start of March, Burford's share price has risen 38 per cent in value.

The property company also announced a reverse takeover of Carnell, the USM-quoted publisher, in a £14 million deal involving the purchase by Carnell of Columbus Holdings for shares. Columbus, which publishes travel directories, including *The World Travel Guide*, is 50 per cent owned by Burford, which intends to distribute the Carnell stock to its shareholders as a dividend. Burford shareholders will end up with 43 per cent of Carnell, which is changing its name to Columbus and joining the Official List.

Burford will issue 119 million shares in rights on a two-for-five basis at 122p, a discount of 15 per cent from the price on Wednesday. Nick Leslau, chief executive of Burford, said the new funds would provide extra purchasing power indicating that, after the share issue, the company could spend £362 million while remaining within a self-imposed gearing limit of 100 per cent. After the rights, net asset value, including the Carnell shares, will increase from 104.3p to 107.3p. Burford's gearing will fall from 56 to 23 per cent.

The Shell Pensions portfolio totals seven properties, including a shopping centre in Shrewsbury, a retail park and three freehold hotels, producing £4.9 million in rent. Mr Leslau said the income should increase to £6.9 million over the three years, increasing the yield 7 per cent to just under 10 per cent. The Finchley Road development is expected to cost £40 million with a completed value of £60 million.

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Imro fines Adams & Nevile

BY ROBERT MILLER

A SENIOR City watchdog yesterday fined a London-based private client fund manager more than a year's worth of profits for a number of serious rule breaches.

The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), which polices fund managers, fined Adams & Nevile Asset Management £20,000 against a profit of £14,619 in 1994-95. In addition, the firm was ordered to pay compensation of £59,000 to 35 investors for losses incurred as a result of advice received from the company.

Imro found Adams & Nevile guilty of failing to take all reasonable steps to ensure that investors who bought shares in i Laser understood the risks. The company subsequently failed.

PETER TRIEVNOR

Keith Edelman, Storehouse chief executive, at Bhs in Reading yesterday when the group reported a successful year

Storehouse results lifted by Mothercare profit leap

BY SARAH BAGNALL

STOREHOUSE, the Mothercare to Bhs retail group, managed to squeeze more money out of sales last year, helping to drive pre-tax profits up by 21 per cent, to £109.9 million, in the year to March 30.

The better than expected rise in profits reflected fewer markdowns, which helped to lift gross margins by more than 1.5 percentage points.

Keith Edelman, chief executive, said: "Storehouse has had another successful year." He added that the current year "has started steadily", and he joined other leading retailers in saying that there was evidence of a revival in consumer confidence, but "we expect the overall retail environment will be as challenging this year as last".

The advance in profits was achieved on the back of a 4.6 per cent rise in sales to £1.08 billion. After stripping out the figures for One Up, the chain of clothing stores sold last June, group sales rose by 3 per cent. The sale of the stores resulted in a £1.2 million exceptional profit.

The biggest jump in profits was achieved by Mothercare, which notched up a 42 per cent leap in operating profits, to £24.2 million. The advance follows a 68 per cent increase in profits in the previous year.

Sales rose 4 per cent to £319.8 million, while like-for-like sales fell by 1 per cent. As a result the rise in profits reflected a healthy 2.1 percentage point rise in the 272-strong chain's operating margin to 7.6 per cent. The company said that Mothercare had a strong first half, but that sales growth eased off in the second half, partly due to "some weakness in product range and availability".

Bhs, the group's biggest division, saw operating profits rise 11 per cent to £77.4 million on sales, excluding One Up, ahead 2 per cent at £742.7 million. The chain of 135 stores lifted operating margins from 9.2 per cent to 10.3 per cent.

In contrast to Mothercare, Bhs had a slow start to the year, with sales picking up during the second half.

Blazer lifted operating profit by 37 per cent, to £400,000, on sales ahead 3 per cent at £14.8 million.

The final dividend was lifted from 3.6p to 4.2p, making a total for the year of 7.2p, up from 6.3p last time. The dividend, due August 8, is payable out of earnings of 17.8p a share, up from 14.8p last time. The shares fell 7p to 327p.

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McDonald's signs ten-year promotion deal with Disney

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

WALT DISNEY, the entertainments company, and McDonald's, the hamburger chain, signed a ten-year marketing deal that combines two of the world's strongest brand names.

McDonald's will have the exclusive right to promote Disney films and videos in its 18,700 restaurants worldwide. The hamburger chain will also have the right to open new restaurants in Disney's theme parks in Florida and Paris, and will sponsor the new Dinoland attraction at Disney World in Florida.

Michael Eisner, Disney's chairman, hailed the agreement as a "a true McDisney production". The promotions, which will reach 33 million customers worldwide who eat at McDonald's restaurants every day, are largely aimed at children who make up the core of McDonald's clientele.

The deal is a significant victory for McDonald's over rival Burger King in a long-running battle to promote Disney films. Until now McDonald's relationship with Disney has been intermittent, covering a few films and more recently a McTrivia quiz game with questions based on Disney children's films.

Recently Burger King has won the promotional rights to blockbusters such as *Toy Story* and *The Lion King*. It is also promoting this summer's Disney release, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

BNB to be hit by more defections

BY CLARE STEWART

BNB Resources, the executive recruitment and training group, is facing a further defection of senior staff when it emerged yesterday that five headhunters may leave its New York subsidiary, Norman Broadbent International (NBI).

David Norman, executive chairman of BNB, told shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting that the five executives may have gone by the end of July. Sources in the United States confirmed that the staff would be leaving, and are contemplating legal action over non-payment of bonuses.

The problems in New York come soon after the departure of senior personnel in London. In February, Miles Broadbent, former chief executive of NBI, "retired", while last month three directors of the financial services division quit.

On Tuesday, it was announced that Andrew Goodman, founder and chief executive of Goodman Graham, the IT recruitment company acquired by BNB last year, had left after a difference of opinion over its management. He is planning to sue BNB for unfair dismissal and breach of contract.

In his statement to shareholders, Mr Norman said NBI had been "managing purposefully," after the departure of its key personnel. Although both Mr Broadbent and the three directors of the financial services division had set up their own recruitment agencies, Mr Norman said that all four will "continue to work in association with NBI for 12 months". This refers to a contractual requirement for the four men to pay 50 per cent of their earnings to NBI.

The acquisition cost of Goodman Graham will drop to £4.5 million, compared to the maximum stated of £7 million after the departure of Mr Goodman, as he will not be entitled to participate in the three-year earnout agreement, Mr Norman said. The first four months of this year showed "an encouraging advance" on the same period last year, he went on. "We remain very positive as to our prospects..."

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Retail sector revives as brokers turn bullish

Martin Mays-Smith, left, Paul Rivers, financial director, *centre, and Mike Watts, chief executive, of Morland*

SHARES of the high street supermarket chains are back in vogue. They were chased sharply higher after a clutch of unrelated brokers' recommendations.

UBS took the lead by recommending the whole sector to clients on the basis that, as things cannot get any worse, it is probably time to start looking for the recovery.

UBS was followed closely by rivals NatWest Securities and BZW. NatWest has upgraded its recommendation for **Argyll**, soon to be renamed Safeway, from a "hold" to an "add". The shares responded with a jump of 6p to 350p. It has also raised its rating for **Tesco**, up 6p at 293p, from "reduce" to "hold", but has removed **Asda**, 1½p lighter at 118½p, from its buy list. **J Sainsbury** *rose 5p to 384p, as* 6.3 million shares were traded.

Another positive peformance overnight on Wall Street failed to cut any ice with investors in London. Book-squaring by the institutions ahead of the bank holiday weekend saw early interest soon wane. The FT-SE 100 index frittered away a 16-point rise to end the session 17.2 points down at 3,747.0. Turnover was 971 million shares.

Cable and Wireless lost ground despite full-year figures better than expected. Brokers said the fall in the share price of 13p to 446p stemmed from the group's insistence that it was not interested in renewing merger talks with BT, or any other telecoms company. It seems prospects for the group now depend heavily on what Richard Brown, the recently appointed chief executive, can pull out of the hat.

The City has taken the view for some time that C&W is a company without a strategy. It had been hoped that a merger with BT would solve the group's problems, but now another solution must be found to enhance earnings. **BT** finished 5p cheaper at 334½p.

Vendome, the luxury goods group, climbed 17p to 607p as brokers found signs of a pick-up in business. It follows the warm reception given to *shares of Saks Fifth Avenue on* Wall Street this week and bumper figures from some of the other luxury US store groups.

The City gave a lukewarm reception to full-year figures from **Storehouse**, down 7p at 327p, with brokers having already downgraded their *profit forecasts after an earlier* run-down of Christmas trading. Their concern was justified with Bhs and Mothercare clearly finding the going difficult. *Pre-tax profits grew from* £90.8 milion to £108.7 million, but further rationalisation is expected and brokers are worried about the long-term outlook for Children's World.

Courtaulds, the chemicals supplier, recovered some of its poise with a much-needed rally of 16p to 438p as traders continued to reflect on the positive view of prospects despite this week's profits setback. The slump in the worldwide chemicals market has made a hole in profits and this has been reflected in the share price. Traders are hopeful of recovery.

Courtaulds has been on the verge of losing its place as a constituent of the top 100 companies. **United News & Media**, down 5p at 739p, **Orange**, 4p off at 239½p, **Railtrack**, 1p lighter at 218p, **Next**, 6p firmer at 558p and **Lucas Industries**, up 6p at 237p, are all regarded as contenders to take its place.

Morlands, the brewer famous for its Old Speckled Hen ale, cheered the City with a sparkling set of half-year figures showing pre-tax profits up from £4.68 million to £6.1 million. Its tenanted and managed pubs estate outperformed many of its rivals, which surprised brokers. But Morland, whose chairman is Martin Mays-Smith, has been forced to downgrade estimates for the full year on the back of a £1 million increase in costs.

Enterprise Inns continued *to make headway, adding 19p* at 229p in the wake of this week's acquisition of Interbrew pubs.

Pilkington, Britain's biggest glassmaker, fell 6p to 194p amid claims that SBC Warburg, its joint house broker, was becoming increasingly cautious about prospects. It followed a presentation for brokers earlier this week by rival glassmaker St Gobain, *which painted a gloomy picture of the industry, depressed* by overcapacity and weak pricing. Earlier this year Pilkington announced plans to *take £155 million of restructuring costs on the chin.*

Over on the Alternative Investment Market, shares of **Mulberry Group**, the leather bags and fabrics supplier, got off to a positive start. Placed at 153p by Teather & Greenwood, the broker, the price opened at 190p before settling at 185p, a *premium 32p.*

A warning of a drop in profits left **Crabtree Group**, the Gateshead engineer, nursing a fall of 49p at 278p. A slowdown in orders from the Far East was blamed. Several large projects have also been carried over into next year. The group said pre-tax profits would be substantially less than the £4.88 million achieved last time.

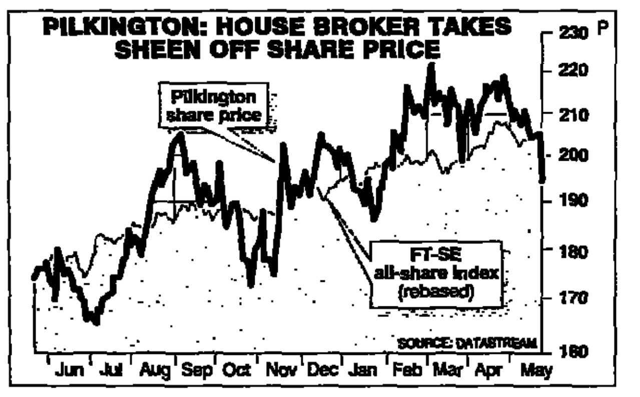
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** London bond prices enjoyed an early mark-up, taking their lead from the overnight strength of US treasury bonds and some *weaker than expected retail* sales. Institutional investors proved reluctant to open fresh positions ahead of the extended weekend break, with prices soon losing their early momentum to close below the best of the day.

In futures, the June series of the long gilt touched £106¹¹⁄₁₆ before closing five ticks better at £106¹³⁄₃₂. A total of 50,000 contracts were completed.

In longs, treasury 8 per cent 2015 climbed £⁷⁄₃₂ to finish at £97³⁄₈, while at the shorter end treasury 8 per cent 2000 firmed £⅛ to £102⁵⁄₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK:** The profit-takers returned to Wall Street after Wednesday's record close and by midday the Dow Jones *industrial average* was 13.30 points lower at 5,764.70.

T&N, the automotive components group, fell 6p to 148p as a line 9.43 million shares went through the market at 145p. It coincides with claims that SBC Warburg, the broker, has turned negative on asbestosis liability after a recent court verdict. Almost 24 million shares had changed hands by the close.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	5764.70 (-13.30)
S&P Composite	679.40 (+0.98)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	21724.08 (-233.92)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	11030.84 (-51.95)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	563.80 (+2.49)

Sydney:

AO	2257.10 (+13.0)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2560.46 (+3.59)

Singapore:

Straits	2335.92 (+22.90)

Brussels:

General	9465.95 (+64.34)

Paris:

CAC-40	2114.45 (+10.96)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	785.00 (+2.60)

London:

FT 30	2787.0 (-12.0)
FT 100	3747.0 (-17.2)
FT-SE Mid 250	4501.4 (-10.9)
FT-SE-A 350	1899.1 (-7.8)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1690.78 (+2.86)
FT A All-Share	1885.24 (-7.26)
FT Non Financials	2006.75 (-6.81)
FT Fixed Interest	112.09 (-0.01)
FT Govt Secs	92.35 (+0.06)
Bargains	33039
SEAQ Volume	971.1m
USM (Datastrm)	221.70 (+0.19)
US$	1.5132 (+0.0024)
German Mark	2.3331 (+0.0074)
Exchange Index	84.8 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2187
£:SDR	1.0489
RPI	152.6 Apr (2.4%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	152.0 Apr (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AIM Trust	101	...
Aberforth Sml C	102	...
Atlantis Japan Gth	686	- 1
Biocompatibles Uts	133	...
CA Coutts (105)	118	- 2
Cairngorm BS IT Ut	925	...
Emtech	58	+ 15
Epic Multimedia	105	...
Gartmore Select Jap	92	- 1
Hercules Prop Svcs	60	...
INVESCO Eng Int C	101	...
Just Group	4½	...
La Senza (150)	155	...
Luminar (200)	258	+ 2
Malden Group	275	...
Mulberry Group	185	...
Premiere Group	138	- 1
Railtrack (190)	218	- 1
Reflec	78	+ 12
Schroder Venture	194	...
Stentor	93	...
Taiwan Inv Tst C	96	...
Thomas Potts	12	+ 2
Tom Hoskins	53	...
Vanguard Medica	623	+ 3

RIGHTS ISSUES

Chelsfield n/p (220)	33½	...
Porter Chad n/p	6	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

MAID	341p (+31p)
Go-Ahead	340p (+30p)
UK Land	129p (+11p)
Unisel	281p (+12p)
Courtaulds	438p (+16p)
Carpetright	583p (+20p)
Chrysalis	540p (+17p)
FI Group	388p (+29p)
Relyon	348p (+21p)

FALLS:

Firecrest	55p (-12p)
Frost Group	119p (-12p)
Filtronic Com	328p (-27p)
Chiroscience	458p (-17p)
Trinity Holdings	364p (-13p)
Cable Wireless	446p (-13p)

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Rescued by Children

STOREHOUSE bought Children's World in the nick of time, as the retailer is badly in need of some growth. That may seem an unfair accusation to make against a company that produced a 17 per cent increase in retailing profit last year but Storehouse is in a pickle because, while it has been doing very well squeezing more profit from the business, sales have been flat or negative.

Top line growth has always been a weak point for Storehouse and last year was no exception with *BhS losing market share from* existing stores, only edging into growth of 2 per cent in the final quarter. Mothercare also had a grim year for sales after a strong start. Product ranges were not in line with fashion *trends but more worrying, the supply chain* failed to deliver product when needed.

Storehouse sales were only a little worse than those of the market leader. Marks & Spencer *does not reveal its like-for-like* sales but some analysts estimate a figure not much above inflation for clothing. In fact, Storehouse has adopted a deliberate strategy of improving margin by reducing end of season discounting. Money *has been spent on* the supply chain and BhS is enjoying refits to reduce the brand's association with discounts.

The trouble is that Storehouse has probably seen most of the margin gain. With operating returns *a few points adrift of the market* leader, it can expect only minor improvements. Its big task now is to get more sales through the tills. In that respect Children's World is nicely timed. Storehouse will spend *some £14-£16 million* to refashion the new company into Mothercare. That gives the group every incentive to make it work.

Go-Ahead Group

HAVING torn apart the nation's public road transport, the Government is sitting back and watching entrepreneurs stitch it together again into a number *of private fiefdoms.* In the coming consolidation, yesterday's deal gives Go-Ahead a better chance of becoming one of four or five national *bus operators.*

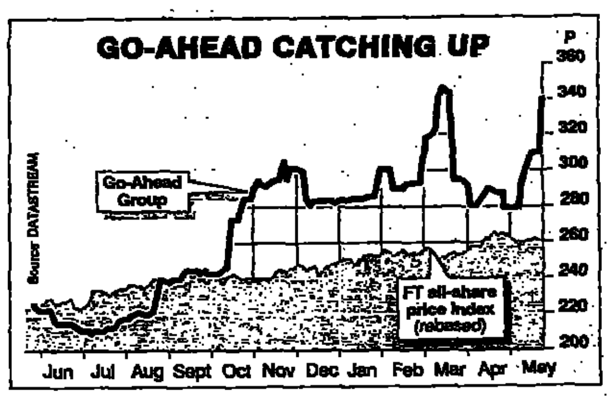
Go-Ahead was weakened recently by a price war in the Oxford area that forced it to issue a profits warning in March.

The experience gave it more of the look of prey than *predator.* So the London purchase, which should give an immediate boost to earnings is good news for the company.

Go-Ahead's ambitions are not as far-reaching as those of Stagecoach or FirstBus, but in London this deal puts Newcastle's Go-Ahead on a par with Cowie, the Sunder*land-based operator of* Leaside, Grey-Green and South London Buses.

Go-Ahead's next opportunity to expand will be as part *of a consortium bid to run* the Docklands Light Railway, the loss-making rail service linking the City to London's Docklands. It is also interested in running some of British Rail's urban *networks.*

Success in those ventures and an end to its trouble in Oxford, still leaves Go-Ahead looking slightly vulnerable as a niche operator but it has a better chance of suriving the coming battle of the bus barons.



Burford

ANY other property company might have found it difficult to justify this rights issue. With gearing a touch over 50 per cent, Burford is raising £140 million and the only justification offered is the purchase of a £70 million portfolio on a 7 per cent *intial* yield.

Burford does have a shopping and leisure centre to build in Finchley — that will cost £40 million — and a £15 million distribution centre to build for Argos. Yet, Burford could easily finance such ventures without recourse to shareholders — following the rights issue, gearing will fall to 23 per cent, leaving the company with an embarrassment of equity.

For a property company with such good growth prospects — Burford can expect a handsome development surplus from Finchley — a strategy of low gearing is absurd and the only conclusion is that Burford either *believes a cataclysm is nigh* or the rights is an opportunistic move to build up firepower before a big deal.

The latter seems more likely; *yesterday's portfolio* purchase was curious, because it seemed a little dull by Burford standards although the company promises strong *growth in the rents. Based on* past successes, Burford's cash call will be well supported but priced at such a premium to net asset value, investors *will* want the next deal to fly.

TeleWest

THE cable industry's darkest days are now behind it. After a disastrous winter, the shares of the six listed players have clawed their way back to their issue prices and several companies are expected to finish the year with positive operating cash flow.

Banks apparently share *this newfound confidence.* TeleWest, the largest operator, has secured £1.2 billion in *new debt, enough for it to* finish ripping up the streets.

The upward trend should continue for the rest of the year with the introduction of *phone number portability,* which allows customers to keep the same number when they change to competing operators.

*BT is losing 50,000 custom*ers a month to the cheaper cable companies and the rate will accelerate once portability becomes widespread: it is *so far limited to Nynex's* franchises.

Before buying more cable shares, remember that prof*its are still a long way off* and the industry is facing a wave of potentially disruptive consolidation. Also, number portability could also benefit BT. The telephone giant can direct *its Oftel-imposed* price cuts at any business segment it likes. If it aims them at residential telephony, it could win customers back from the cable companies.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	1100-1011	Jul	1060-1063
Jul	1104-1103	Sep	1075-1071
Sep	1125-1121	Dec	1085-1082
Dec	1054-1052	Mar	1095-1090
Mar	1045-1044		
May	1056-1053		Volume: 6427

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	1805-1800	Jan	1749-1747
Jul	1799-1797	Mar	1725-1720
Sep	1790-1780	May	1705-1690
Nov	1770-1765		Volume: 8426

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	332.5-30.5
Spot: 307.4		May	331.0-28.0
Aug	379.0-79.1	Aug	330.5-25.0
Oct	348.9-48.0	Oct	317.0-10.6
Dec	336.9-35.6		Volume: 2144

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GB	123.03	105.45	97.12
(+/-)	-1.08	-13.22	+0.60
Eng/Wales	123.03	155.11	96.67
(+/-)	-1.08	+11.12	-4.50
(%)	+12.0	+6.0	10.0
Scotland	unq	146.53	99.04
(+/-)		-15.47	-3.52
(%)		20.0	+1.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.60	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Jul)	19.00	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.35	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	21.25	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	20.25	(n/c)

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	210 (-10)	212 (-10)
Gasoil EEC	178 (+2)	182 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	87 (-4)	89 (-4)
Naphtha	185 (+1)	187 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	169.50-69.75	Sep	163.50-63.75
Jul	165.75-66.00	Oct	164.00-64.25
Aug	164.00-64.25		Vol: 6895

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.95-18.97	Oct	n/a
Aug	18.31-18.35	Nov	17.50 SLR
Sep	*17.90 BID*		Vol: 33193

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	130.00
Jul	131.75
Sep	115.00
Nov	116.15
Jan	118.25
Volume: 508	

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	110.00
Sep	108.00
Nov	109.25
Jan	112.00
Mar	114.00
Volume: 6	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Jun	unq	225.0
Nov		92.50
Mar		110.0
Volume: 54		

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

May 104.75-105.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 96	1370	1360	1364
Jun 96	1269	1265	1268
Jul 96	1230	1216	1216
Oct 96	1335	1330	1335

Vol: 241 lots Open Interest: 4610

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2557.0-2560.0	2434.0-2435.0	2481650
Lead ($/tonne)	854.00-855.00	852.00-853.00	130025
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1034.0-1034.5	1060.0-1061.0	275550
Tin ($/tonne)	6250.0-6260.0	6280.0-6285.0	25040
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1566.5-1567.5	1596.5-1570.0	1197925
Nickel ($/tonne)	7790.0-7800.0	7895.0-7900.0	151392

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom	360	32	35	38	5	10	15
(*383)	400	10	24	28	21	27	38
Argyll	330	21	29	35	7	12	17
(*350)	360	5	14	20	24	28	32
ASDA	110	11	13	15	1	4	5
(*119)	120	5	7	10	5	7	9
Boots	600	20	33	41	14	22	29
(*610)	650	3	13	21	51	54	58
Br Airways	550	22	35	41	14	22	27
(*565)	600	4	14	22	49	52	56
BP	550	15	44	52	5	12	17
(*575)	600	8	19	27	29	35	41
Br Steel	160	17	19	20	1	5	7
(*170)	180	4	7	11	13	15	18
C & W	420	30	41	50	7	15	20
(*445)	460	10	21	30	27	35	40
CU	600	21	32	40	14	27	32
(*614)	650	5	11	21	47	60	63
ICI	850	33	49	67	16	32	39
(*869)	900	12	26	43	45	61	66
Land Sec	600	37	49	47	6	11	16
(*624)	650	3	14	21	36	39	42
M & S	420	16	41	47	3	6	10
(*436)	460	7	17	24	18	23	27
Nat West	600	36	40	50	6	13	29
(*627)	650	11	22	35	34	49	59
Sainsbury	360	28	38	43	2	6	10
(*384)	390	9	19	25	13	18	23
Shell	900	53	67	76	5	16	19
(*941)	950	19	34	46	22	37	40
Smkl Bch	600	34	49	—	11	23	—
(*640)	650	12	26	—	38	49	—
Storehse	300	29	36	—	1	7	—
(*327)	330	9	18	—	15	21	—
Trafalgar	50	1	1	—	0	0	—
(*50)	60	0	0	—	9	9	—
Zeneca	1350	74	109	128	27	52	60
(*1394)	1400	46	79	111	50	75	89
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Jan**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Jan**
BAT Ind	500	25	34	42	23	30	37
(*502)	550	7	15	22	58	62	64
Vodafone	240	17	25	27	8	15	18
(*240)	260	8	15	18	20	26	29
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Grnd Met.	420	31	39	46	10	17	19
(*443)	460	11	20	26	30	34	40
Ladbroke	190	18	20	26	9	12	15
(*198)	200	8	12	17	20	23	26
Utd Bisc	220	16	20	24	8	12	14
(*224)	240	7	11	15	20	23	25

May 23, 1996 Tot: 40139 Call: 19714
Put: 20425 FT-SE Call: 5703 Put: 8902
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	460	39	47	52	3	7	11
(*497)	500	12	22	28	17	22	27
Thames W.	500	50	52	54	4	10	14
(*549)	550	11	21	27	20	31	38
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BTR	280	16	20	24	6	11	13
(*290)	300	6	10	14	16	23	24
Br Aero	950	65	81	99	16	27	37
(*987)	1000	39	53	71	37	49	59
Br Telecm	330	16	19	23	15	19	21
(*334)	360	4	8	12	37	39	43
Cadbury	460	29	38	47	13	20	23
(*469)	500	11	20	29	36	42	45
Guinness	460	26	34	42	10	18	20
(*470)	500	8	15	23	33	39	40
GEC	330	33	37	41	4	6	11
(*359)	360	12	19	24	17	21	24
Hanson	180	13	16	19	4	8	11
(*190)	200	3	7	10	15	19	22
LASMO	160	23	27	30	2	4	4
(*179)	180	10	15	18	8	11	11
Lucas	220	29	33	33	8	13	15
(*236)	240	19	21	23	15	22	24
Pilkingtn	191	11	—	—	9	—	—
(*193)	210	4	—	—	21	—	—
Prudential	390	35	41	49	6	12	15
(*413)	430	18	24	32	19	25	28
Redland	390	30	37	43	9	15	18
(*405)	420	14	22	28	24	30	33
R-Royce	220	15	21	27	8	12	14
(*224)	240	7	12	17	20	21	26
Tesco	280	21	28	33	5	11	12
(*293)	300	11	17	22	15	20	22
Williams	300	33	35	—	2	6	—
(*327)	330	12	16	—	12	18	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3747)

	3600	3650	3700	3750	3800	3850
Calls						
Jun	151	111	74	42	20	8
Jul	167	130	97	67	43	25
Aug	180	144	112	84	60	43
Sep	202	168	136	107	82	60
Dec	254	—	192	—	149	—
Puts						
Jun	9	16	29	50	90	130
Jul	22	35	52	73	99	133
Aug	30	52	71	94	120	150
Sep	57	72	89	109	135	164
Dec	89	—	122	—	169	—

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat.	550	22	37	49	6	21	27
(*564)	600	3	15	27	37	49	55
Amstrad	160	8	16	19	5	9	12
(*160)	180	2	9	11	20	22	24
Barclays	750	33	49	62	6	21	27
(*775)	800	7	23	37	29	47	53
Blue Circ	330	29	38	43	1	7	12
(*350)	360	8	19	26	11	19	25
Br Gas	160	17	22	25	1	4	7
(*174)	180	5	11	15	9	12	18
Dixons	460	39	47	59	2	12	16
(*494)	500	10	24	36	15	29	33
Forte	343	28	32	—	0	0	—
(*370)	373	0	13	—	2	7	—
Tarmac	110	9	15	16	1	4	7
(*115)	120	3	9	13	5	9	12
Hillsdwn	180	5	11	14	4	8	11
(*180)	200	0	4	6	20	21	22
Lonrho	190	12	17	21	1	5	6
(*198)	200	3	7	11	11	15	16
Sears	90	6	10	11	0	2	3
(*96)	100	1	5	6	4	6	8
Thorn	1700	110	147	180	11	44	57
(*1795)	1800	45	90	127	42	89	102
Tomkins	240	14	20	23	1	8	11
(*252)	260	3	9	13	10	19	21
Lloyds TSB	292	25	—	—	1	—	—
(*314)	322	6	—	—	12	—	—
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Glaxo W	850	36	50	67	27	41	49
(*868)	900	14	28	45	49	69	78
HSBC	950	56	75	97	18	37	46
(*977)	1000	29	49	70	41	61	69
Reuter	750	51	70	93	17	26	35
(*779)	800	24	43	56	37	50	57
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Royal Ins	420	22	31	42	11	21	26
(*427)	460	7	15	24	35	44	49
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**
Kingfishr	600	32	47	64	10	20	27
(*619)	650	9	23	39	37	46	52
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**
Unilever	1200	54	80	92	9	19	24
(*1255)	1250	24	48	61	26	39	44
Series		**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Natl Pwr	500	24	29	29	7	35	38
(*516)	550	3	7	10	35	77	78
Scot Pwr	330	15	22	24	5	13	15
(*340)	360	2	7	11	22	32	33

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	*Open*	*High*	*Low*	*Sett*	*Vol*
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 62901	Jun 96	3781.0	3781.0	3732.0	3742.0	13248
	Sep 96	3784.0	3787.0	3753.0	3750.0	1036
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 4141	Jun 96				4510.0	0
	Sep 96					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 368355	Jun 96	93.90	93.91	93.89	93.90	9806
	Sep 96	93.83	93.85	93.81	93.83	8719
	Dec 96	93.61	93.64	93.58	93.62	13973
Three Mth Euro Yen	Sep 96	99.18	99.18	99.18	99.17	50
	Dec 96	98.89	98.91	98.89	98.90	1506
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1113011	Jun 96	96.74	96.74	96.72	96.72	15684
	Sep 96	96.78	96.78	96.75	96.75	21047
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 123842	Jun 96	106-15	106-22	106-08	106-13	50594
	Sep 96	105-19	105-19	105-12	105-14	13092
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 96	119.57	119.64	119.53	119.56	1517
	Sep 96	118.50	118.60	118.47	118.49	2783
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 192861	Jun 96	97.00	97.05	96.73	96.84	133932
	Sep 96	96.12	96.12	95.93	95.94	6653
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 26264	Jun 96	95.65	95.66	95.64	95.66	941
	Sep 96	95.75	95.76	95.74	95.75	765
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 68459	Jun 96	97.79	97.84	97.75	97.79	5073
	Sep 96	97.74	97.78	97.68	97.72	7328
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 74915	Jun 96	115.70	115.92	115.50	115.61	38034
	Sep 96	115.20	115.20	114.95	114.98	1549

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¹⁵⁄₁₆
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅞ ; 3 mth 5⁵⁷⁄₆₄. Sell: 2 mth 5¹³⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth: 5⁵⁄₆ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⁷⁄₃₂-5⅞	5⅞-5⁷⁄₁₆	5⅞-5⁷⁄₁₆	5⅞-5⁷⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜
Interbank:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜

Overnight: open 6 , close 6 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆	n/a	6	6⅛	6½
Sterling CDs:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-5³¹⁄₃₂	6⅛-6	6⅜-6¼
Dollar CDs:	5.32	n/a	5.35	5.45	5.78
Building Society CDs:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-5³¹⁄₃₂	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⁵⁄₁₆-5³⁄₁₆	5½-5⅜	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3⅜-3¼	3½-2½
French Franc:	3⅞-3⅝	3⅞-3¹¹⁄₁₆	3¹⁵⁄₁₆-3¹³⁄₁₆	4-3⅞	4-3
Swiss Franc:	2⅜-2¼	2⅜-2¼	2⅜-2¼	2⁷⁄₁₆-2⁵⁄₁₆	2½-1½
Yen:	⅝-½	⅝-½	⅝-½	¾-⅝	1/par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $391.20-391.50 Close: $391.30-391.80 High: $391.40-391.90
Low: $390.95-391.45 AM: $391.35 PM: $391.40

Krugerrand: $390.75-393.75 (£258.25-260.25)

Platinum: $399.00 (£264.00) **Silver:** $5.36 (£3.535) **Palladium:** $129.75 (£84.85)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6037-2.6099	2.6046-2.6075	¼-⅛pr	⅞-⅝pr
Brussels	47.82-47.99	47.86-47.95	13-10pr	37-32pr
Copenhagen	8.9850-9.0098	8.9908-9.0001	1⅛-1¼pr	5⅝-5¼pr
Dublin	0.9676-0.9710	0.9681-0.9699	9-7pr	25-21pr
Frankfurt	2.3287-2.3336	2.3288-2.3314	⅝-½pr	1⅞-1⅝pr
Lisbon	238.58-239.65	239.06-239.36	⅛-⅜ds	⅜-⅞ds
Madrid	193.73-194.44	194.05-194.22	24-33ds	64-81ds
Milan	2353.4-2361.5	2356.6-2359.2	6-7ds	15-17ds
Montreal	2.0651-2.0822	2.0803-2.0822	0.27-0.18pr	0.53-0.42pr
New York	1.5098-1.5130	1.5122-1.5130	0.092-0.072pr	0.248-0.217pr
Oslo	9.9654-9.9906	9.9666-9.9825	1⅛-1pr	3⅛-2⅞pr
Paris	7.8795-7.8953	7.8869-7.8918	1⅝-1⅜pr	4½-4pr
Stockholm	10.305-10.368	10.347-10.368	⅛-⅜ds	⅛-⅜ds
Tokyo	*161.05-161.59*	*161.43-161.59*	⅝-½pr	2⅛-2⅜pr
Vienna	16.377-16.423	16.386-16.405	¾-½pr	1½-1pr
Zurich	1.9115-1.9163	1.9099-1.9124	¾-⅝pr	1⅝-1⅜pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2610-1.2618
Austria	10.85-10.86
Belgium (Com)	31.69-31.70
Canada	1.3733-1.3738
Denmark	5.9545-5.9575
France	5.2183-5.2208
Germany	1.5423-1.5430
Hong Kong	7.7352-7.7362
Ireland	1.5600-1.5610
Italy	1560.00-1560.50
Japan	106.65-106.75
Malaysia	2.4920-2.4930
Netherlands	1.7245-1.7250
Norway	6.5988-6.6063
Portugal	158.24-158.34
Singapore	1.4090-1.4100
Spain	128.48-128.58
Sweden	6.8340-6.8415
Switzerland	1.2650-1.2660

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5124-1.5150
Australia dollar	1.9064-1.9089
Bahrain dinar	0.5625-0.5745
Brazil real*	1.4791-1.4832
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7100-0.7200
Finland markka	7.1125-7.2285
Greece drachma	364.75-371.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.6956-11.7049
India rupee	52.32-53.28
Indonesia rupiah	3482.00-3550.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4480-0.4580
Malaysia ringgit	3.7679-3.7719
New Zealand dollar	2.2086-2.2117
Pakistan rupee	52.41 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4275-5.5000
Singapore dollar	2.1310-2.1339
S Africa rand (com)	6.5370-6.6390
U A E dirham	5.4775-5.6015

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	516	Land Secs	3,000
ASDA Gp	21,400	Legal & Gn	527
Abbey Ntl	2,300	Lloyds TSB	9,400
Allied Dom	3,400	Marks Spr	7,200
Argos	1,700	NatWst Bk	6,400
Argyll Gp	8,100	Nat Grid	6,700
AB Foods	2,700	*Nat Power*	4,900
BAA	2,400	P & O	2,400
BAT Inds	10,700	Pearson	1,400
BOC	585	Pilkington	5,900
BP	6,300	PowerGen	729
BSkyB	777	Prudential	9,600
BTR	14,600	REXAM	5,300
BT	12,500	RMC	775
Bk of Scot	2,800	RTZ	2,600
Barclays	1,900	Rank Org	1,300
Bass	5,000	Reckitt Col	1,300
Blue Circle	2,700	Redland	2,400
Boots	1,800	Reed Intl	1,300
BAe	724	Rentokil	4,900
BA	11,400	*Reuters*	2,200
Brit Gas	30,700	Rolls Royce	2,900
Brit Steel	7,500	Royal Ins	1,400
Burmah Cstl	332	Ryl Bk Scot	2,500
Burton	3,800	*Sainsbury*	6,300
Cable Wire	12,600	Schroders	269
Cadbury	3,600	Scot & New	1,200
Carlton Cms	1,700	Scot Power	1,600
Cm Union	2,000	Svrn Trent	1,500
Cookson	3,500	Shell Trans	4,400
Courtaulds	3,700	Siebe	660
Dixons	1,300	SmKl Bch	4,800
Enterpr Oil	516	Smith Nph	5,300
For & Col IT	563	Smiths Inds	635
GKN	620	Sthern Elec	2,100
GRE	6,000	Std Chard	2,700
GUS	1,100	Sun Allnce	3,900
Gen Acc	859	TI Gp	4,900
Gen Elec	6,500	Tate & Lyle	1,000
Glaxo Well	9,300	Tesco	22,500
Granada	4,700	Thames W	2,600
Grand Met	3,400	Thm EMI	978
Greenalls	511	*Tomkins*	7,600
Guinness	2,100	Unilever	2,700
HSBC	2,300	United Utils	1,800
Hanson	10,400	Vodafone	5,800
ICI	988	Whitbread	680
Kingfisher	2,400	Wilms Hld	1,500
LASMO	2,400	Wolseley	2,100
Ladbroke	3,100	Zeneca	4,300

WALL STREET

	May 23 midday	May 22 close
AMP Inc	42	43
AMR Corp	96	96
ASA	44	44
AT & T	62	63
Abbott Labs	42	42
Advanced Micro	17	17
Aetna Life	75	74
Ahmanson (HF)	25	25
Air Prod & Chem	57	57
AirTouch Comm	32	32
Alberto-Culver B	40	40
Albertson's	39	40
Alcan Aluminm	32	32
Alco Standard	64	64
Allied Signal	58	58
Alum Co of Am	62	63
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	59	59
Amer Brands	43	43
Amer El Power	41	40
Amer Express	47	48
Amer Genl Corp	36	36
Amer Home Pr	53	53
Amer Intl	93	93
Amer Stores	35	35
Amer Standard	30	30
Ameritech	59	59
Amoco	74	73
Anheuser-Busch	72	72
Apple Computer	26	26
Archer Daniels	19	19
Armco	5	5
Armstrng Wrld	59	59
Asarco	33	33
Ashland Oil	44	43
Atl Richfield	122	120
Auto Data Pro	38	38
Avery Dennison	57	57
Avon Products	94	94
Baker Hughes	33	33
Baltim Gas & El	28	28
Banc One	36	37
BankAmerica	76	76
Bank of NY	53	52
Bankers Tr NY	75	77
Barnett Banks	63	63
Bausch & Lomb	42	42
Baxter Intl	44	44
Becton Dickinsn	84	83
Bell Atlantic	63	63
Bell Industries	20	20
BellSouth	41	41
Black & Decker	43	42
Block (H&R)	34	34
Boeing	84	85
Boise Cascade	44	44
Bristol Myrs Sq	85	84
Browning Ferris	29	29
Brunswick	21	21
Burlington Ntim	87	87
CMS Energy Corp	29	29
CNA Financial	101	100
CPC Intl	68	68
CSX	52	52
Campbell Soup	65	65
Can Pacific	20	20
Carolina Pwr	37	37
Caterpillar	67	69
Central & SW	28	27
Champion Intl	47	46
Chase Manhat	72	72
Chevron Corp	61	61
Chrysler	67	66
Chubb Corp	47	47
Cigna Corp	114	114
Citicorp	84	84
Clorox	85	85
Coastal Corp	43	41
Coca Cola	47	47
Colgate-Palmolive	79	79
Columbia Gas	49	49
ColumbiaHCA	54	53
Compaq Comp	48	48
Comp Ass Intl	77	76
Conagra	42	42
Conrail	72	72
Cons Edison	28	28
Cons Nat Gas	50	50
Cooper Inds	42	42
Corestates	40	41
Corning Inc	38	39
Crown Cork	48	47
Dana Corp	34	35
Dayton Hudson	102	103
Deere	41	42
Delta Air Lines	86	86
Deluxe Corp	37	36
Digital Equip	53	54
Dillard Dept St	38	37
Disney (Walt)	62	62
Dominion Res	40	40
Donelley (RR)	37	36
Dover Corp	48	49
Dow Chemical	86	86
Dow Jones	39	39
Dresser	30	30
Duke Power	49	49
Dun & Bradstreet	64	64
Du Pont	83	82
Eastman Chem	66	66

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Eaton Corp	58	58
Edison Intl	16	16
Emerson Elec	87	88
Engelhard Corp	24	25
Enron Corp	42	42
Energy	27	27
Ethyl Corp	10	10
Exxon	88	87
FMC Corp	67	67
FPL Group	44	44
Federal Express	80	81
Fed Nat Mtge	32	32
First Bk Sys	63	63
First Union Rlty	7	7
Fleet Fnl Grp	45	45
Fluor Corp	66	66
Ford Motor	36	37
GTE Corp	45	45
Gannett	68	68
Gap Inc Del	33	33
Gen Dynamics	63	64
Gen Electric	84	84
Gen Mills	58	58
Gen Motors	56	56
Gen Reinsurance	142	142
Gen Signal	39	38
Genuine Parts	45	45
Georgia Pac	76	76
Gillette	58	59
Glaxo Wellc ADR	25	26
Goodrich (BF)	39	39
Goodyear Tire	52	52
Grace (WR)	74	75
Grt Atl Pac Tea	35	36
Great Wstn Fin	23	23
Halliburton	57	56
Harcourt General	52	52
Heinz (HJ)	33	33
Hercules	58	59
Hershey Foods	75	75
Hewlett Packard	105	106
Hilton Hotels	105	104
Home Depot	52	52
Homestake Mng	19	19
Honeywell	57	57
Household Intl	71	71
Houston Inds	23	23
Humana	24	23
ITT Corp	62	61
Illinois Tool	68	68
Illinova	27	26
INCO	33	33
Ingersoll Rand	43	43
Inland Steel	22	22
Intel Corp	71	69
IBM	110	110
Intl Flav & Fr	49	50
Intl Paper	42	43
James River Va	25	26
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	97	97
Kellogg	73	72
Kerr-McGee	61	60
Kimberly-Clark	75	74
Kmart	10	10
Knight-Ridder	76	75
Lilly (Eli)	60	60
Limited Inc	21	22
Lincoln Nat	48	48
Litton	47	46
Liz Claiborne	37	37
Lockheed Martin	84	83
Louisiana Pac	25	26
MCI Comm	29	29
Marriott Intl	49	48
Marsh & McLnn	96	96
Masco Corp	32	32
May Dept St	49	50
Maytag Corp	22	22
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Mead Corp	54	54
Medtronic	57	57
Mellon Bk	56	57
Melville Corp	38	39
Merck Inc	63	63
Merrill Lynch	67	67
Microsoft	118	116
Minnesota Mine	69	69
Mobil Corp	116	115
Monsanto	158	157
Morgan (JP)	88	88
Motorola Inc	65	65
Natl Semi	16	16
Natl Service Ind	38	39
Navistar Intl	10	10
NY Times A	33	32
Newmont Mng	58	59
Niag Mohawk	8	8
Nike B	102	99
NL Industries	14	14
Noram Energy	10	10
Nordstrom	51	52
Norfolk Sthrn	88	88
Nthn State Pwr	48	48
Norwest Corp	36	36
Nynex Corp	47	46
Occidental Pet	26	26
Ohio Edison	22	22

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Overseas Ship	18	19
Owens Corning	40	40
PHH Corp	57	56
PPG Industries	53	53
PNC Bank	30	30
PP&L Res	23	23
Paccar Inc	49	49
Pacificorp	20	20
Pac Enterprises	26	26
Pac Gas & Elect	22	22
Pac Telesis	34	34
Pall Corp	27	27
Parker Hannifin	42	42
Peco Energy	25	25
Penney (JC)	53	53
Pennzoil	44	44
Pepsico	68	68
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Philip Morris	97	97
Phillips Pet	42	42
Pitney Bowes	50	51
Polaroid	45	44
PriceCostco	20	20
Procter & Gmbl	89	89
Providian	44	44
Pub Serv E & G	27	27
Quaker Oats	35	34
Ralston Purina	60	60
Raychem Corp	79	80
Raytheon	52	52
Reebok Intl	30	30
Reynolds Metals	54	54
Rockwell Intl	56	57
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Royal Dutch	151	152
Rubbermaid	28	28
SBC Comms	50	50
Safeco Corp	34	34
St Paul's Cos	52	53
Salomon Inc	44	43
Sara Lee Corp	33	33
Schering Plough	58	57
Schlumberger	88	88
Seagram	35	35
Sears Roebuck	49	48
Shell Trans	86	86
Sherwin Wllms	46	46
Skyline Corp	25	25
Snap-On-Tools	48	48
Southern Co	23	23
Sprint Corp	43	42
Stanley Works	60	60
Sun Company	31	32
Sun Microsys	60	59
Suntrust	37	37
Supervalu	31	32
Sysco Corp	33	33
TRW Inc	95	95
TCC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	58	58
Teledyne	39	39
Temple Inland	50	50
Tenneco	55	55
Texaco	85	85
Texas Inst	52	52
Texas Utilities	42	42
Textron	85	85
Time Warner	42	42
Times-Mirror A	45	45
Timken	39	39
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Toys R Us	28	29
Transamerica	81	81
Travelers	63	63
Tribune	74	74
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US Inds	21	21
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Business Age calls it a day

BUSINESS AGE, the financial monthly that upset the Queen over her estimated wealth, has been shut after failing to meet news stand sales targets. At 10 o'clock yesterday morning, Peter Kirwan, the editor, heard that his baby had been put to bed for the last time, on the instruction of Ruud Bakker, VNU Business Publications managing director. The magazine was bought from Tom Rubython, now editor of *Sunday Business*, and his partner Nigel Jagger, for a reputed £3 million last summer. *Personal Computer Magazine*, another publication in VNU's 20-strong portfolio, has also been closed, to make way for a yet-to-be-named business PC magazine in September. Staff from both magazines have been offered jobs within the company.

Body politic

AFTER three decades of campaigning for social change, Anita Roddick has decided to include some spice in The Body Shop's annual report. The "Chairman's statement" on pages one to three, penned by T. Gordon Roddick, comes before the "Chairman's wife's statement" that covers a meagre half page. Nowhere does it say that the latter is the founder and chief executive of the cosmetics company. According to a spokesman: "Anita wanted to inject some humour into the report."

BOVIS WINS BIGGEST CHINA CONTRACT

"That would be before England beat China 3-0"

Sooty's target

GORDON POWER, MD of Guinness Mahon Development Capital, the company that splashed out £1.4 million for Sooty yesterday, is said to have carried the deal on his shoulders. As the only family man at GMDC, Power was picked out to take his children to Sooty's Christmas show at the Bloomsbury Theatre last December. Until then, Power was a fan of Sooty's "clean" character, in the belief that the naughtiest thing that the bear had done was to squirt the Duke of Edinburgh with a water pistol. But when Sooty's former keeper Matthew Corbett recognised Power in the audience, he made Guinness Mahon the butt of his jokes.

Touch of class

SIR Michael Wilmot, owner of The Beaufort hotel in Knightsbridge, stole the show at a recent gala evening in Los Angeles, hosted by British hoteliers. When all around were in lounge suits, to the delight of American guests at the Bel Air bash, Sir Michael arrived in white tie. Howard Malin, owner of The Feathers in Woodstock, feeling scruffy in comparison, bit back in his speech: "We've spared no expense, bringing our own baronet to act as a waiter for this evening."

IS THE London Stock Exchange preparing itself for the next big crash? At the bottom of a list of planning consents "on delegated authority of the City Planning Officer" is one for the installation of a safety handrail to the roof perimeter of the Throgmorton Street building.

MORAG PRESTON

Power of the generators faces a new challenge

At issue is whether they hold too much sway over pricing, says Christine Buckley

Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, is about to grapple again with the thorny issue of competition in generation. His attention has been forced on the subject by the threat from PowerGen, the country's second largest generator, that it might not sell the power stations it has been ordered to until it gets guidance on how the electricity industry can develop. The move follows the surprise government block on its takeover of a regional company, along with that of National Power.

Along with National Power, PowerGen is obliged under the regulator's orders to sell some power stations to encourage more competition in generation. The aim, particularly, is to spark further rivalry in the important price-setting area of the wholesale market for power, in which generators bid prices they want related to expected demand.

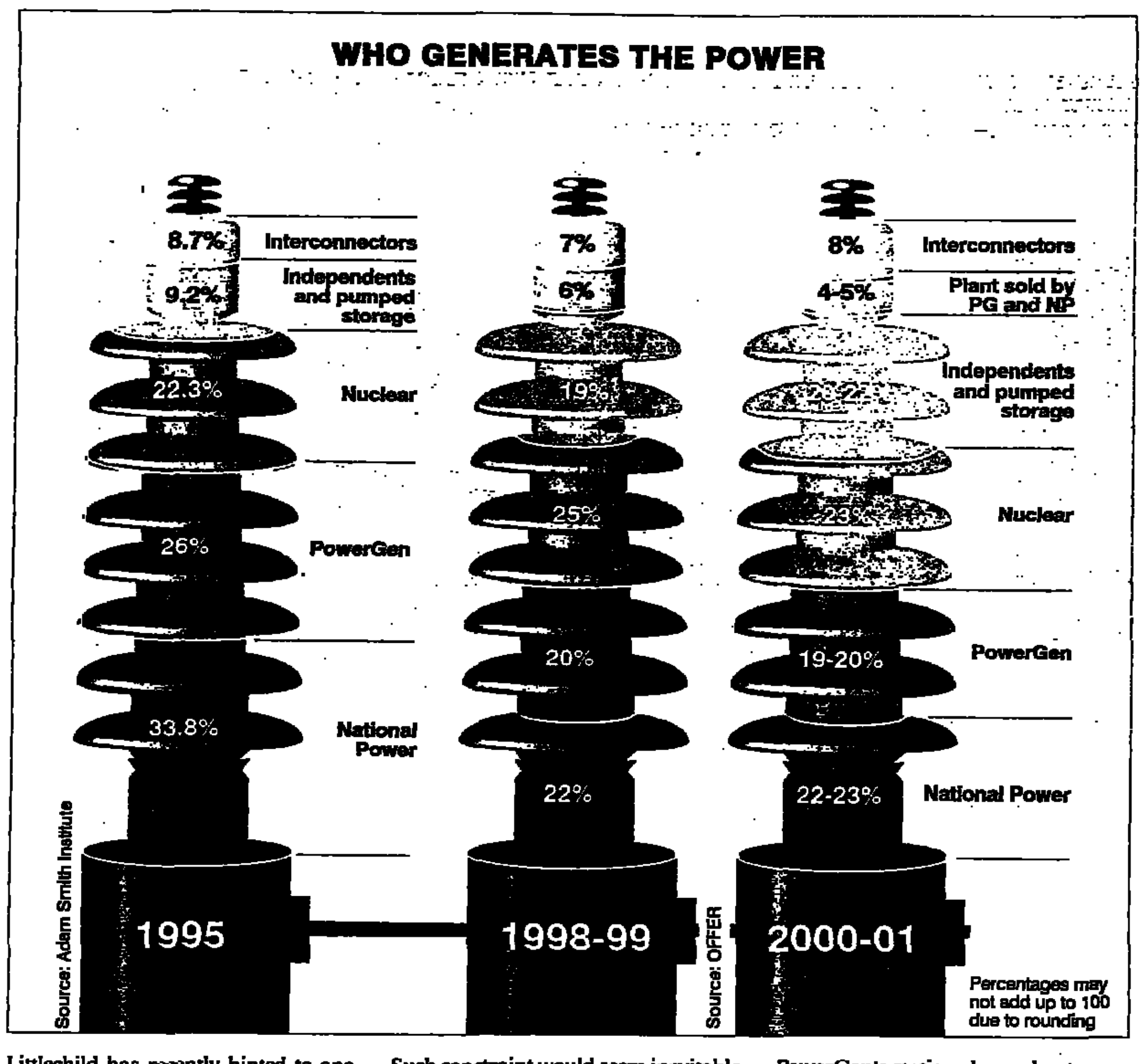
PowerGen is aggrieved that it has not been allowed to expand its business by taking over Midlands Electricity and wants clarification on the policy for development. It claims its market share of generation is dropping to such an extent that it should not be penalised on the grounds of too much market influence.

Others, including the electricity regulator and some regional electricity companies, do not agree. They argue that PowerGen and National Power, the largest generator, hold too much sway over power prices.

A report by BZW, the brokers, predicts that the price-setting part of generation is likely to be dominated by the two main players for some time to come. It predicts that in 1999 National Power will have 37 per cent of the capacity in the mid-merit market and PowerGen will have 33 per cent. Immediately after that the broker sees a slight dropping away as new plant come on-stream, but it still sees the two main players controlling 60 per cent of price-setting area.

The report also casts doubt on the view that prices are falling in line with increased competition. It says: "National Power and PowerGen have had a strong interest in promoting a pessimistic view of electricity prices in recent months for three reasons: to convince Offer that the generating market really is competitive, requiring no regulation; to bolster the case for buying a regional electricity company; to discourage the building of further new generation plant."

The two main generators have about 85 per cent of the mid-merit area of the electricity pool, although their overall share stands at 57 per cent. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC), in its inquiries into the takeovers by National Power and PowerGen of Southern Electric and Midlands Electricity, made clear that the state of competition in generation was a fundamental consideration. It did not, however, conduct any research into future market shares, relying instead on the projections of the two generators, the National Grid and the Office of Electricity Regulation. A spokesman for the MMC said that it had not had the time to undertake independent research. Professor Littlechild has recently hinted to analysts that he may consider forcing the generators to get rid of more power stations than he initially planned. In a rare briefing to the City, he indicated that competition may be given a further helping hand.



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The political temperature over competition in generation has also been raised. The surprise takeover veto and golden share endorsement by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, came after growing unrest over the issue from Tory backbenchers such as John Redwood and Norman Lamont.

Fears for the stimulation of competition in generation have been further raised by the similar deals struck by the generators to sell their power stations. Both are with Eastern Group, the regional electricity company which is part of the Hanson conglomerate. Together the deals will make Eastern the fourth largest generator. It will, however, only enter the generating market with commercial restrictions attached by PowerGen and National Power. Both sales carry important earn-out clauses. That means that the more electricity generated into the wholesale market by Eastern, the more will go to the two largest generators in earnings-related payments.

This continued market interest was not what the regulator orginally wanted to see. He had told the generators he wanted to see a clean sale, but then agreed to earn-out clauses up to 2003 with agreed payments for each megawatt hour produced. He stated that the earn-outs should not "constrain the commercial freedom of the new owner to choose when and how to operate". Such constraint would seem inevitable. Eastern will begin with a cost handicap when it enters the bidding in the wholesale market. It will be forced to factor this into the price it asks for its electricity or suffer commercial loss. Undercutting the prices of the two main generators in the important price-setting region of the wholesale market is, therefore, far less likely.

A National Power spokesman said that the earn-out deals, which require a lower up-front payment than an outright sale, encouraged the buyer to bid competitively in mid-merit. He said: "Under different arrangements Eastern would have been expected to operate in the baseload section where competition is less of an issue." Baseload pays lower prices for electricity but guarantees that output will be taken, whereas mid-merit doesn't. The chief executive of one independent regional electricity company said: "The proposed solution does not end up achieving the regulator's stated aim of bringing competition into the critically important mid-merit market."

> The electricity regulator has made clear his keenness for competition in generation

The deals between the generators and Eastern that will introduce the third major player into the mid-merit market have puzzled some energy economists. Breaking down published figures, it has paid about £360 per kilowatt hour for the National Power plant and about £200 per kilowatt hour for the PowerGen plant. A new combined cycle gas turbine plant with a life of at least 25 years would cost about £450 per kilowatt hour, according to market estimates. National Power's plant is thought to have a life remaining of about 10-15 years, while PowerGen's stations have about seven to ten years left. In addition to the shorter lives, Eastern's acquired plant is expected to operate on a much reduced capacity — about 50 per cent as against a new plant's 85 per cent.

Energy economists have estimated a market price for National Power's plants as £180-£270 per kilowatt hour and for PowerGen's £125 per kilowatt hour. On these calculations Eastern seems to have coughed up a premium of between 50 per cent and 100 per cent over a modern equivalent depreciated asset.

Eastern's particular arrangement with PowerGen, whereby it gives the generator leave to reconsider the sale in the event of its takeover bid for Midlands being scuppered, has also caused some puzzlement. Eastern has maintained its confidence that the sale will proceed and has indicated it has a sub-clause of its own entered in the deal. It has not been prepared to reveal the nature of this and has kept silent as PowerGen has waved the threat of pulling out of the sale in front of the regulator's nose.

The electricity regulator has made clear his keenness for competition in generation and his belief that that state has not yet been reached. So, too, has the Department of Trade and Industry, albeit with hopelessly vague definitions of an adequately competitive market.

PowerGen's throwing down of the gauntlet to the regulator may focus more attention in that area. A spokesman for the generator said: "There are 20 generators bidding into the pool. New players continue to enter the market and prices continue to fall. We have the most competitive electricity market in the world."

But with critics expected to seize the opportunity to lobby again for the two main generators to be brought further to book, PowerGen could find it stands to lose more than it gains.

Casualties rife in bank's quest for efficiency

Patricia Tehan on the tasks facing the man restructuring Lloyds TSB

Peter Ellwood, the new deputy chief executive of Lloyds TSB, faces two unenviable tasks. The first is to put together the retail banking and financial services operations of two of the biggest banks in the country after their merger last December.

The second brings with it far more pain. After a Private Bill is approved by Parliament, probably some time next year, he must oversee the dramatic reduction of the combined banking group's 3,000-strong branch network accompanied by the loss of thousands of the combined bank's 40,000 jobs.

Mr Ellwood is seen by analysts as bringing a flood of new ideas to Lloyds. Under Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive, the bank has managed its grand strategy more effectively than most of its rivals but it has been behind most — particularly TSB — in its thinking on customer service, product development, information technology and management development. Mr Ellwood started his mammoth task in January. He is far happier talking about the first of his jobs than the second.

So far, according to the bank, the ratio of Lloyds to TSB appointments in the top two layers of management is running at 50/50 in retail financial services, though the group support positions such as legal adviser and company secretary have all gone to Lloyds Bank executives. At the end of this month, the third management tier will be put in place — making 172 positions altogether.

Mr Ellwood said he was surprised by the similarity in culture between the two organisations. Lloyds has a far more up-market image than TSB and a much bigger base of corporate customers. But outsiders say the cultures of the two are quite different and it can only be a matter of time before a clash becomes an issue.

Lloyds TSB is using integration methods formulated by Boston Consulting to push the two banks together. This means an integration committee of six, chaired by Mr Ellwood, taking all major decisions on integration and running the business. A co-ordination team of ten reports to the top committee, reporting on the work undertaken by a series of task forces and process teams.

Mr Ellwood said the obvious place to start was the strategy — "to be a leading player in every one of our chosen markets". Then the integration team went on to ask what would make the merged bank "better, different from the competition", bearing in mind that "the strategic goal is increasing shareholder value".

In order to achieve this, he added, the bank has attempted to analyse "what customers really want" and found that it is "excellence of service". For Lloyds TSB this means three things: "Highly competent staff; giving people the ability to do business where and when they want to; and making customers feel they are being cared for."

Mr Ellwood said a new customer-focused structure put in place in April, organising the business by product, "is different from what Lloyds had, different to what TSB had". The most important decision, said Mr Ellwood, was to close TSB's former retail banking administration centre in Birmingham and to concentrate activities in Bristol, where Lloyds retail financial services operation is based. This move will involve the loss of 500 jobs.

> ‘It is only a matter of time before there is a clash of cultures’

"You cannot shy away from difficult decisions; staff expect you to take them," said Mr Ellwood. "But they understand the logic that we do not need two administration centres."

The big issue, yet to be addressed by the bank, is what happens to the branch network. The bank cannot push the two branch networks together until a Private Bill is passed by Parliament next year which means, said Mr Ellwood, "that the momentum of the business, the dialogue with the customer, all goes on without being affected by the merger".

But despite the best efforts of Lloyds TSB to downplay the issue, it will push the bank through a great deal of pain and controversy next year and the effect on staff — and the excellence of service Mr Ellwood is seeking — should not be underestimated.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Opt-out from European Social Chapter untenable

From the General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress

Sir, I was very glad to read Robbie Gilbert's call to the Government to end Britain's opt-out from the European Social Chapter (Time to rejoin social policy debate, May 22).

It is pleasing that his opinion, as an adviser to the CBI, now coincides precisely with the view the TUC has pressed since the signing of the Maastricht treaty, namely that the opt-out is untenable — instruments adopted by the 14 other EU countries do come to influence the position in the UK — and that the British Government, by excluding itself from the discussions, has left the field open to others to draft the legislation.

To use his own phrase, John Major must be living in "cloud-cuckoo land" when he maintains that this opt-out, as well as the much-vaunted self-exclusion from EMU, can be sustained for much longer while the internal European market is integrating at some speed. The only result will be that we shall sign up eventually to rules we did not influence, as happened with the common agricultural policy.

As Robbie Gilbert argues, it is high time that Britain fully joins the club. Only then shall we be in a position to promote our national interests.

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Insider dealing laws in need of a re-draft

From Adrian FitzGerald

Sir, I read with interest your article ("Corporate Britain caught in profit warning paradox", May 22), which examined reasons for the recent spate of profit warnings.

Martin Waller is right to attribute the current phenomenon at least in part to the tightening of the processes by which information is released to the stock market. However, he is wrong to conclude that the problem is one of "over-reporting". If anything, it is one of under-reporting.

Certainly, official announcements via Stock Exchange channels have largely replaced the unofficial massaging of market expectations, a direct result of the new insider dealing legislation and reinforced guidance by the Exchange on the dissemination of price-sensitive information.

Whilst this trend has arguably created a fairer market for all participants, there is growing evidence that it has created a much less efficient market, in the sense that shares can remain mis-priced for lengthy periods. Sharp reactions to official profit warnings can quickly correct such mis-pricings, but this is of no comfort to buyers at prices some 20-30 per cent higher just days before.

The answer is that if companies are obliged to manipulate expectations through official channels, then announcements, or bulletins, must become more frequent. The market and its participants will just have to learn to cope with the resultant deluge of information. Given the present interpretation of insider dealing legislation, this is the only way that investors can be sure that current share prices reflect known trading performances.

Of course, the sensible thing would be to re-draft the legislation. The new insider dealing laws from April 1994 are open to too many interpretations and, as a result, have had a disastrous effect on communications between the corporate sector and the City.

The gross stock market inefficiency that has resulted is too heavy a price to pay for just two insider dealing prosecutions in the last two years.

Yours faithfully,
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Flaw in stress at work litigation trend

From Dr Peter Noble

Sir, Your correspondent Ben Apfel (Business Letters, May 16) writing on the prospect of a "flood of litigation" by employees for nervous breakdown induced by stress at work, makes the important point that employers are only likely to be held responsible for the second, or subsequent, breakdown.

To be actionable the consequences of the work stress need to be "foreseeable". Psychiatric disorder is often recurrent and thus a first episode can be interpreted as making subsequent episodes "foreseeable".

This logic will have adverse social consequences. It must make employers more reluctant both to take an applicant with a known history of previous disorder and to retain an existing employee who develops a "first" episode. It will exacerbate the already severe difficulties that such people have in finding and keeping employment. It will increase the stigma and the stress which confronts the ex-patient.

Not all forms of mental disorder recur. Some robust individuals may be denied employment because they are deemed to constitute a theoretical liability. The numbers at risk are large — about 10 per cent of the population suffer at some stage from anxiety or depression, which are often stress-related.

This new trend to litigation may compensate some ex-patients but the main losers, apart from employers, will be ordinary ex-patients who, having suffered a nervous breakdown, will now face ever more disadvantage and discrimination at work. It is unfortunate the scope of compensation can be widened by individual case decisions, which are taken without any discussion of the potential social consequences and damage to the employment propects of ex-psychiatric patients.

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Is this CBI policy?

From Denis MacShane, MP

Sir, Robbie Gilbert, the CBI's employment adviser, writes that "The Government should offer to end the opt-out" of the European Social Chapter (May 22). He also suggests that London could make common cause with Sweden and Ireland, two countries where trade union relationships with Government are strong. Finally, he argues for a new ministry that would cover health and safety matters, employment and training, pensions, equal opportunities, maternity pay, parental leave, and works councils.

This [approach] corresponds almost exactly to Germany's *Arbeitsministerium* under its long-serving Labour Minister, Norbert Blüm. Mr Gilbert's views are interesting and important and I find myself in agreement with him. But do they represent new CBI policy? Perhaps the President of the CBI could write to you and let us know.

Yours faithfully
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Terms set for votes on merger of insurers

By Marianne Curphey

HALF of the 46,700 shareholders in Royal Insurance need to vote in favour of the insurer's proposed merger with Sun Alliance *to ensure the deal* goes through next month.

They must account for 75 per cent of the equity value, which means that Mercury Asset Management, the fund manager and largest shareholder in both companies, will be a crucial player.

Shareholders in both companies have been sent documents outlining the structure of their proposed merger, which will create Britain's biggest insurance group.

An extraordinary general meeting for Royal Insurance Shareholders will take place immediately after a court hearing on June 14.

Share option schemes, including those for executive directors, will be transferred to the new Royal Sun Alliance Group shares.

Royal Insurance said yesterday that policyholders would "experience no immediate change as a result of the merger".

The two companies expect to make £175 million savings by 1998 in the UK and overseas from the merger, and to spend an equivalent sum on one-off costs integrating the two insurance companies.

About 5,000 jobs will be lost as a result of the merger, with the majority going in the UK where the two companies' head offices and international operations are to be merged. The two companies currently employ more than 45,000 people worldwide.

Sun Alliance has 25,000 shareholders. Of those who vote, 75 per cent need to be in favour of the merger for it to go ahead.

Under the terms of the merger, Royal shareholders will receive 1,067 Royal Sun Alliance shares for every 1,000 Royal shares and have been promised "significantly enhanced earnings per share and dividend prospects".

ADRIAN BROOKS

Ian Harvey, chief executive, said yesterday that 52 new licences had been signed and 104 new inventions had been accepted for the company's portfolio

Go-Ahead pays £46m for London General buses

By Sarah Cunningham

THE Go-Ahead bus company has agreed to buy London General Transport Services, which runs buses in southwest and central London, and Surrey, for £46 million. The acquisition will give Go-Ahead control of 18 per cent of the London bus market.

Go-Ahead's shares rose 30p to 340p on news of the acquisition. Analysts said the addition of London General would be immediately earnings-enhancing and would take the pressure off Go-Ahead's Oxford operations, struggling against stiff competition. Concern about Oxford has been depressing Go-Ahead's shares. Yesterday, the company forecast a final dividend of 3.7p per share. It set an interim dividend of 1.85p in March.

Go-Ahead, which is based in Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, already runs London Central buses and expects to save on costs by combining some operations. Martin Ballinger, managing director, said some lay-offs were possible in the long term but not immediately because London General is profitable; it made £7.67 million in the year to March 31, on turnover of £52.8 million.

The purchase already has nearly 50 per cent approval from shareholders in Mokett, London General's holding company, and full approval is expected next month.

Go-Ahead is keen to continue expanding and is hoping to be chosen to operate the Docklands Light Railway. it is also bidding for tenders to run other urban rail networks.

The acquisition will be funded by a combination of a placing and open offer of 7.29 million new Go-Ahead shares at 290p each, raising £19.54 million. The rest will come from cash balances within London General and new bank borrowings.

Mokett was set up in 1994 when the bus company's managers and employees bought London General from London Regional Transport.

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Hillsdown appoints new chief

GEORGE GREENER has been appointed chief executive of Hillsdown Holdings, the food manufacturing and processing group.

He will succeed David Newton, who has told the board he intends to resign to pursue his personal interests. Mr Greener, 50, served for 20 years in the Mars Group, latterly as managing director of Mars UK until 1991.

Until recently he was chief executive of BAT UK Financial Services and a board member of BAT Industries.

Mr Newton, 53, will stay at Hillsdown until September to ensure a smooth handover. He joined Hillsdown in 1982 and was appointed to the board in 1986, becoming chief executive in 1993.

BTG share price rises to a record

By Our City Staff

SHARES of *BTG*, the *patent* licensing group that was formerly state-owned, rose to a high of £18.15 yesterday after the company said it had made further progress in bringing its portfolio of inventions to the marketplace.

The shares, which were placed on the stock market at 225p in July 1995, closed at £17.55, down 30p on the day.

Ian Harvey, chief executive, said 52 new licences had been signed with companies worldwide and 104 new inventions were accepted for the portfolio. The company has high *hopes for Torotrak, a variable* transmission system, with Toyota joining Ford as licensee. It is being incorporated into a fleet of Ford Mondeos.

BTG incurred pre-tax losses of £2.74 million (£370,000 loss) for the year to the end of March. A maiden final dividend of 4p a share meets the flotation forecast.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Forward marches on through acquisition

ACQUISITIONS powered a 103 per cent rise in profits at Forward Group, the circuit *board* manufacturer, to £7.6 million before tax in the year to January 31, on turnover that rose 181 per cent to £66.8 million. Forward is paying a final dividend of 4.8p, making a total for the year of 8p, up from 6p. Earnings rose to 43p a *share*, compared with 36.2p. The company's shares rose 70p to 900p yesterday.

Further expansion is planned in the current year, as Forward has its sights on more acquisitions to expand its range of activities. *Last year's* acquisitions, chiefly Exacta, a larger circuit board manufacturer bought for £13.5 million, contributed £4.8 million of profit at the operating level. Forward is paying a further consideration of £2.5 million for Exacta, *in line* with the profit-related purchase agreement.

Soros pledge to Russia

GEORGE SOROS, the billionaire financier, *is planning* to spend $100 million of his own *money* on his biggest philanthropic scheme so far to promote the Internet in Russia. The aim is to install Internet connections at universities *across Russia over* the next five years to help in the building of a more open society, he said. He will open the first of 32 Internet centres at Yaroslavl, a city near Moscow, next month.

Wales lures £5m plant

SPM, the American plastics company, yesterday announced *plans* for a £5 million plant in the Cynon Valley, South Wales, which will open early next year and create 130 new jobs. SPM, a subsidiary of Dynacast, is one of the top ten injection moulding companies in North America. It supplies telecommunications, electronics and automotive companies. One of its biggest customers, Northern Telecom of *Canada, has a plant in* Cwmcarn, South Wales, which influenced SPM's decision.

B Elliott lifts profits

B ELLIOTT, the engineering group engaged in manufacturing and measurement systems, power conversion and control equipment, lifted pre-tax profits to £5.1 million in the year to *March 31 from £4.3 million previously. Earnings* were 10.08p a share (8.84p). The final dividend of 1.8p a share lifts the total to 3p (2.5p). The company proposes to sell Newall Aerospace, which accounted for 5 per cent of last year's turnover of £118.4 million. The shares rose 4p to 91p yesterday.

Southnews advances

*SOUTHNEWS, the publisher of free and paid-for news*papers in London and the Home Counties, lifted pre-tax profits by 6 per cent to £3.37 million in the year to March 30 despite a sharp increase in newsprint prices. Higher advertising rates allowed operating profit to rise by 36 per cent to £4.6 million, with a £237,000 contribution from the newly purchased Croydon Advertiser. The final dividend was raised to 4.05p (3.10p), making a year total of 5.81p (4.45p).

Euromoney ahead

EUROMONEY PUBLICATIONS earned £11.5 million before tax in the half-year to March 31, rising from £10.4 million in the first half of the previous year. Earnings were 32p a share, against 30p. The interim dividend is held at 14p a share. The company, which held cash of £34 million at March 31, is again actively seeking acquisitions. The *company is committed to spending £9.5 million on* further equity stakes in existing subsidiaries and associates.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Trust Property held in connection with HMS Edinburgh Scheme for the regulation of the Charity
Reference: AS-3040046/14521-CO(Ldn)

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at the offices of Messrs Cumberland Ellis Peirs of Columbia House, 69 Aldwych, London, WC2B 4RW or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed *envelope to St Alban's House*, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, Damian Patrick Morgan now residing at 1286 Greenford Road, Greenford, Middlesex having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Publican and being a person interested in *the premises described below* do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said Division to be held at The Court House, Harefield Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex on the 10th day of June 1996, for the provisional grant to me of a justices licence authorising me to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption on the premises about to be altered or extended for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale of intoxicating liquor situated at 210 Field End Road, Eastcote, Middlesex and to be known by the sign of Captain Morgans, of which premises Petros Christofis and Anastasia Christofis are the owners.

DATED this 15th day of May 1996
Hodders of 11 Station Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4UD, Solicitors and Agents for the Applicant.

LEGAL NOTICES

WILLETTS: DANIEL WILLETTS late of Halesowen, West Midlands died at Dudley, West Midlands on 6th March 1996 (undisposed of residue £10,000,000) the kin of the above are requested to apply to B.H. Bale & Co., Solicitors, Shell Buildings, Malt Mill Lane, Halesowen, West Midlands, B62 8JB.

No. 2014 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF
NEOPOST LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 15th May 1996 confirming the reduction of £3,112,947 of the amount standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company in accordance with the above-mentioned Act was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 20th of May 1996.

Dated this 21st day of May 1996.
Mills & Reeve (Ref: BMG) 112 Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1PH, Solicitors for the above-named Company.

In the Matter of DIEHL & ST.JOHNSTON LIMITED
AND
In the Matter of the Companies *Act 1985, section 175*

The above-named Company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of redeeming its own shares by purchase. The amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £40,000 and the date *of resolution for payment out of* capital was 21st May, 1996. The Statutory Declaration of the Directors and the Auditors' report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office. Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of resolution for payment out of capital apply to the Court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an Order prohibiting the payment.

By Order of the Board
William R E Thomson, Secretary
Registered Office: 28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL.

TANAH ESTATES PLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at The Brewers Rooms, Portman Square, London W1 on *Friday* 7 June 1996 at 11.30 hrs for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Raymond Hocking of BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA, is qualified to act as the Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company and will furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.

Dated: 15 May 1996
By Order of The Board
D.R. WILLIAMS, Director

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT NIGHT AND DAY DISTRIBUTION LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QI on 4 June 1996 at 2.00pm.

The purposes of the meeting are to receive a statement of affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Price Waterhouse at No 1 London Bridge on 31 May and 3 June 1996.

Proxies *for* use at the meeting must be returned to Alistair Brew at Price Waterhouse by midday of 3 June 1996 and claims must be made in writing and may be *made to the same address.*

By Order of the Board
TR Connolly, Managing Director
22 May 1996

Notes

Any creditor who has not received notices of the meeting and who wishes to attend or be represented at it should ring Alistair Brew on 0171 939 8669 to obtain the necessary forms.

BARD BROS LIMITED (IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company number: 512010
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF BARD BROS LIMITED

On 16 May 1996 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.

The liquidator gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL by 14 June 1996 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.

Date 20 May 1996
AV Lomas, Liquidator

TENDCLASS INVESTMENTS LIMITED
COMPANY NUMBER: 2278180
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF TENDCLASS INVESTMENTS LIMITED

On 20th May 1996 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Jonathon Guy Anthony Phillips of Price Waterhouse was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.

The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by Friday 14 June 1996 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice *that he will then make a final dis*tribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.

Jonathon Guy Anthony Phillips, Liquidator
Dated 20th May 1996

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

WE, Jason Woolfenden now residing at 109 Randolph Avenue, London W.9, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Manager, and Stalin George now residing at 15 Eton Close, Garrett Lane, London S.W.17, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Studio Manager, and being persons interested in the premises described below do hereby give notice that it is our intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said Division to be held at The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London N.W.10, on the 11th day of June 1996 for the provisional grant to us of a justices' licence authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption on the premises about to be altered or extended for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale of intoxicating liquor situated at 1 Barretts Green Road, London N.W.10, and to be known by the sign of Park Royal Studios of which premises Paulo Colour *Processing Limited is the owner.*

DATED this 16th day of May 1996
Hodders of 11 Station Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4UD. Solicitors and Agents for the Applicants.

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Japanese invest in Scotland

By Our City Staff

MORE than 200 jobs are to be created in Scotland through industrial investments by two Japanese electronics firms.

The Tenma (UK) company is to carry out a £5 million expansion of its plant at Cumbernauld, near Glasgow, which will create 119 jobs over the next three years, while Kohdensha is to invest £6.5 million in a new plant at Dunfermline, Fife, which will *create 87 jobs over four years.*

The move was announced in Tokyo today by Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, who is on a tour of Japan to promote Scotland as a location for inward investment. Both companies are increasing their presence in Scotland as a spin-off of a £10 million investment announced last year by Canon, the electronics group at Glenrothes, Fife.

Kohdensha, which is part of Mitsubishi, will make circuit boards for Canon printers, and Tenma, which set up an operation at Cumbernauld five years ago, will make other printer components.

Mr Forsyth hailed the move as a vote of confidence for Scotland which would rein*force its international* electronics reputation.

API makes cash call for £20m purchase

TONY WHITE

Michael Smith, API's chief executive, surprised the City

API, the international plastics, foil and coatings group, has bought the specialist film and packaging group Learoyd for £20 million. The acquisition will be funded from the proceeds of a £37 million share issue (Fraser Nelson writes).

The move, which took the City by surprise, came as API announced record pre-tax profits of £4.22 million (£3.31 *million) for the six months to* March 30, on sales of £58.2 *million (£44.1 million).* It lifted the dividend to 4.48p (4.07p).

The acquisition will extend API's packaging interests and bring contracts with Next, Boots and Marks & Spencer. API will pay an extra £2 million for Learoyd if key executives stay and its pre-tax profits reach £3 million by April 1997. Learoyd achieved pre-tax profits of £2.3 million on sales of £12 million in the year to April 30.

Breweries 'will keep tied sales'

By Alasdair Murray

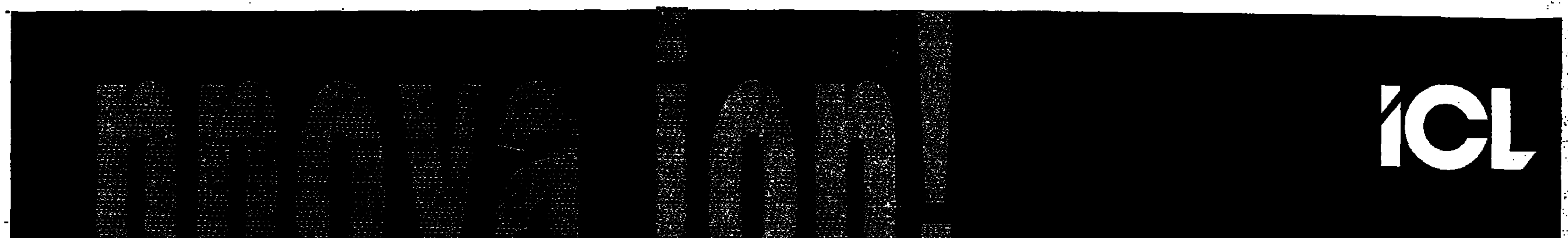
MARTIN MAYS-SMITH, the chairman of Morland, yesterday said he was confident that the right of brewers to sell beer to tied retailers at a higher price than for free sales would be extended after the existing agreement expires in 1997.

He said that positive comments made by the Office of Fair Trading and the relatively small proportion of tied-sale agreements suggested that the existing arrangements, known as block exemption, would be left intact.

Mr Mays-Smith was speaking after the brewing and pub retailer announced a 30 per cent rise in half-year profits to £6.1 million. Overall turnover rose 26 per cent to £37 million.

Retail profits increased by 60 per cent, helped by the acquisition of the Unicorn and Chapman *pub* chains. Underlying operating *profits* in the pub division rose by 10 per cent. Profits from the tenanted estate rose 10 per cent, with a 6 per cent increase in rent, *although beer volumes fell by* 2 per cent.

The interim dividend was increased by 9 per cent to 3.6p, payable on July 12. Shares in the company rose 6p to close at 625p.



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Cable and Wireless plc recorded another year of strong growth across its global business in the year ended March 1996.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS, YEAR TO 31 MARCH 1996

	1996	1995	% growth
Turnover	**£5,517m**	£5,133m	+7%
Operating profit	**£1,311m**	£1,134m	+16%
Pre-tax profit	**£1,341m**	£844m	+59%
Pre-tax profit excluding exceptional items	**£1,262m**	£1,144m	+10%
Earnings per share	**27.5p**	11.5p	+139%
Earnings per share excluding exceptional items	**26.4p**	23.6p	+12%
Dividend for the year	**10.00p**	9.05p	+10%

Final dividend of 6.92p is payable on 2 September 1996 to Shareholders on the Register at 11 June 1996. If you have any queries as a Cable & Wireless Shareholder, please call us on 0171 315 4455. Copies of the Annual Report & Accounts will be posted to Shareholders on 3 June 1996. Internet web site number: http://cwix.com/cwplc/

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gooland Amer	229.20	242.60	+ 2.00	0.14
Gooland Equity	273.30	290.80†	+ 0.20	1.86
Gooland Euro	373.00	398.90	+ 0.50	0.56
Gooland Expf Bd	132.60	137.40		2.56
Gooland Gilt	76.31	78.67	− 0.06	6.13
Gooland Japan	189.70	199.70	− 1.50	

AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
General Acc	652.40	694.10	− 2.20	2.49
General Inc	554.30	589.70	− 1.90	2.49
UK Growth Acc	442.70	471.00†	− 1.10	2.70
UK Growth Inc	290.70	309.30†	− 0.60	2.70
Higher Inc Acc	783.60	833.70†	− 1.40	4.18
Higher Inc Inc	427.50	454.80	− 0.80	4.18
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	205.50	217.10	+ 0.30	5.76
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	92.26	97.45	+ 0.15	5.76
Nth America	407.00	433.00†	+ 0.30	
Europe	361.70	384.80	− 0.10	0.42
Bnr Excell	87.99	93.61†	− 0.27	2.89
Bal Fndmtls Acc	114.30	121.70	− 0.30	4.67
Bal Fndmtls Inc	78.39	83.40	− 0.18	4.67
Global Opps	109.20	116.20†	− 0.40	0.06
Balanced Acc	63.31	67.36†	− 0.15	2.61
Balanced Inc	59.90	63.73†	− 0.13	2.61
Japan Acc	49.82	53.00†	− 0.77	
Pac Basin Acc	429.70	457.20†	+ 0.60	0.79

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilts & Fixed Int	129.00	136.90	+ 0.20	7.30
High Inc Equity	182.00	194.70†	− 0.30	4.43
Worldwide Bond	287.80	305.20†	+ 0.60	4.59
American Growth	382.50	409.40	+ 2.70	0.18
Asian Pacific	355.50	380.30	+ 2.20	0.08
Assets & Earnings	307.10	326.70†	− 0.60	2.57
Euro Capital Acc	183.20	195.90	+ 0.10	0.81
Extra Inc	43.82	46.62†	..	8.11
General	281.30	299.30	− 0.90	2.93
Global Opps	71.30	75.85	+ 0.03	0.53
Japan	133.10	142.40	− 1.00	
Managed Inc	48.22	51.30†	− 0.03	4.53
Mastertrust	172.60	184.60	− 0.10	1.33
US Emerging Cos	237.10	252.20	+ 1.10	
Ethical	84.03	89.39	− 0.13	2.51
International	146.00	155.30	+ 0.10	0.75
Dividend & Growth	68.34	72.70	− 0.11	4.22
Global Gwth & Sec	72.92	77.92	− 0.01	2.46
Latin America	67.56	71.87	+ 0.44	
Capital Reserve	143.50	143.50		5.23

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Small Cos	2320.00	2425.00	+ 13.00	

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc & Growth	61.29	63.69†	+ 0.79	0.48
Emerging Mkts	76.91	81.11	− 0.04	0.04
European	154.40	160.50	+ 0.30	
Exempt	1087.80	1154.40†	+ 5.20	1.67
Extra Income #	48.14	51.57	+ 0.06	6.42
Far East Emg Eco	139.80	146.80	+ 0.30	0.43
Fixed Interest #	24.56	25.55†	− 0.01	9.29
Fund Inv Tst	157.20	165.00†	+ 0.10	9.30
Japan	198.30	206.20	− 2.10	
Latin American	60.86	63.49	+ 0.15	0.77
Pacific	90.08	94.58†	− 0.05	0.38
Property Share	69.45	72.90	− 0.19	2.41
UK Emerging Cos	74.50	80.53	+ 0.04	1.19
UK Growth	52.19	55.15†	− 0.11	2.13
Aber Bond Port #	83.89	85.48	− 0.08	1.83
Ethical	78.90	82.05	+ 0.06	2.15
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.66	50.66	+ 0.01	7.41

For AEGON see Matheson

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Resid Property #	94.94	101.90		5.09

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amity Income	90.93	96.49	− 0.27	2.03
Income Builder Inc	80.11	85.22	− 0.19	2.79

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts:				
Growth & Income	274.90	293.80†	− 1.40	3.16
Capital	491.40	525.30†	− 2.20	1.30
Balanced	807.80	863.50†	− 4.40	2.41
Accumulator	1537.00	1643.00†	− 7.00	1.90
Income Trusts:				
American Income	62.97	67.20	+ 0.16	2.38
High Inc Trust	444.50	475.10	− 1.30	3.38
Equity Income	251.30	268.60	− 0.70	3.94
High Yield	268.50	287.00†	− 0.90	4.07
Govt Securities	33.34	35.19†	+ 0.08	6.20
International Trusts:				
Amer Spec Sits	222.70	237.60	+ 0.50	0.05
European Growth	54.03	57.58	− 0.30	0.67
International	197.30	210.60	+ 0.20	0.10
Japan	221.10	236.30	− 2.70	
Pacific	444.60	475.20	− 0.90	
Secs of America	613.00	653.00†	+ 4.00	0.12
Wrlde Asset Val	58.57	62.61	− 0.30	0.02
Specialist Trusts:				
Asset Value	614.40	656.70†	− 3.60	1.54

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	101.78	108.49	− 0.23	2.35
American Portfolio	125.00	132.78	+ 1.13	0.87
European Portfolio	131.92	140.62		0.63
High Income	50.52	50.64†	+ 0.10	7.89
Japanese Portfolio	74.03	78.65	− 0.69	
Pacific Portfolio	164.99	177.41	+ 0.99	1.35
UK Equity	97.06	103.60	− 0.65	3.05
UK Equity & Bd	55.23	58.56	+ 0.14	6.45

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Inv Fund	759.61	771.09	...	4.20
Fxd Int Sec	154.91	155.53		9.19

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Investment Inc	744.62	755.88	.	4.34
Investment Acc	£33.56	£34.07		
Fixed Int Inc	134.81	125.31		9.26
Fixed Int Acc	217.23	218.11	...	

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	88.73	93.71	...	3.17
Beck Bio-Tech	51.83	55.98	+ 0.03	
Accm Ethical Tst	190.55	200.09		0.56
City Fin Assets	82.97	87.13†	...	1.54
City Fin America	126.58	132.90		
City Fin Intl	97.84	102.74†		0.47
City Fin Japan	166.16	174.49		
Friars Hse Cap	330.15	351.22	...	2.14
Friars Hse Inc	200.44	213.23†		3.81
Buckley Wrld Grth	158.15	167.64		
J Sid Inc/Gth Inc	56.83	59.68	− 0.57	1.57

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	59.86	63.51	+ 0.17	

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	86.16	91.66	+ 0.47	
Dragon Growth	76.89	82.22	+ 0.24	0.33
Equity High Inc	89.69	95.40	− 0.11	4.14
-do- Accum	126.22	134.28	− 0.15	4.14
Extra Income Inc	26.00	27.36	− 0.01	7.54
Extra Income Acc	27.81	29.26	− 0.01	7.54
European Gwth	64.39	68.32	+ 0.04	0.89
Evergreen	33.41	35.73	+ 0.18	
General Equity	101.40	107.59	+ 0.02	2.89
Japan Growth	56.08	59.66	− 0.73	
Pedigree Gwth	63.30	67.34	+ 0.01	2.38
Pef Sm Cos Inc	39.40	41.91†	+ 0.01	1.21
-do- Accum	41.74	44.40	+ 0.02	1.21
Retirement Inc #	27.66	29.43	− 0.06	5.90
Special Sits	48.41	51.50	− 0.05	2.03
UK & Overseas	61.15	64.88	− 0.13	0.57

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	68.21	71.05	− 0.19	4.04
Capital	81.85	85.26	− 0.24	2.30
High Income	49.97	52.05†	− 0.03	7.28
Top 50	54.58	56.86	− 0.14	2.15

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Monthly Inc Plus	48.87	51.99	+ 0.04	8.62
Preference Share	47.08	50.08†	+ 0.12	7.86
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	137.07	145.82†	− 0.07	5.85
Managed Fund	77.77	82.73†	+ 0.49	2.28
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	52.20	55.53†	− 0.03	1.71
-do- Accum	61.70	65.64†	− 0.03	1.71
UK & General	95.06	101.12†	− 0.40	2.55
-do- Accum	123.28	131.15†	− 0.53	2.55
UK Growth	188.34	200.36†	− 0.79	1.29
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	216.52	230.34†	− 0.14	0.63
Far Eastern Gwth	146.97	156.35†	− 0.20	0.02
Global Bond	83.06	88.26†	− 0.03	5.62
Japan Growth	125.31	133.31†	− 0.36	
North Amer Gwth	245.18	260.83†	+ 1.48	
Oriental Growth	89.10	94.79†	+ 0.22	0.24
Worldwide Growth	77.90	82.87†	− 0.14	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.03	92.03†	+ 0.01	5.27
Homemaker Fund	93.21	99.16	− 0.29	1.52
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
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Growth	183.50	195.20†	− 1.50	1.20
Income	71.74	76.32	− 0.38	4.90
European	75.71	80.54	+ 0.14	0.65
Recovery	189.10	201.20		1.46

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	950.00	985.40		3.45

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Sector Value Inc #	99.77	105.40†	− 0.10	3.90
Sector Value Gwth	100.90	106.50†	− 0.20	2.18
Hy 5 Europe	100.10	105.00†	− 0.10	2.66
Slater Gwth	145.80	153.90	+ 0.70	

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
World Health	261.60	278.20	+ 6.00	
Income #	214.47	226.16	+ 0.86	4.23
UK Growth	85.35	90.79	+ 0.06	1.69
Intl Growth	93.18	99.11	− 0.21	0.43
Ecology	107.56	114.44†	+ 0.09	0.94
European	193.18	205.51	− 0.47	
Far Eastern	333.00	354.20	− 0.70	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits Growth	27.12	28.85	− 0.01	1.89
UK Growth	449.23	477.90†	− 0.04	2.54
-do- Accum	609.56	648.46	− 0.06	2.54

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Balanced Fd #	1502.90	1524.40†		2.90
Income #	1053.10	1049.80		4.00

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Gilt Yield	117.40	123.80	+ 0.20	6.87
Global Income	237.90	253.10†	− 0.30	3.50
High Yield	152.10	161.80†	− 1.00	5.54
-do- Accum	489.10	520.30†	− 3.00	5.54
Smllr Cos Div	64.35	68.47†	− 0.08	3.14
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	167.90	178.60	+ 0.50	
Asian Growth	368.90	392.40	+ 0.80	0.21
-do- Accum	433.50	461.20	+ 1.00	0.21
North American	113.20	120.40	+ 0.75	0.22
European Special	130.10	138.40	− 0.50	0.09
European	187.80	199.40	+ 0.50	0.42

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
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-do- Accum	208.80	215.30	− 0.60	2.36
UK Sel Ptflo	154.70	159.40	− 1.00	2.42
-do- Accum	183.80	189.50	− 0.90	2.42

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	72.89	77.54		3.90

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	83.82	88.98	+ 0.08	3.95
European	105.50	112.00		0.43
Income #	83.72	88.87†	+ 0.06	4.56

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	478½	Allied Domecq†	484	+ 5	6.1	18.3
625	500	Bulmer (HP)	593	- 1	2.6	18.6
131	115	Burn Stewart	115	.	5.4	24.8
650	615	Glenmorangie A	633	..	1.2	
464	411	Grand Met	442	- 2	4.4	18.5
493	435	Guinness	470	- 4	4.0	15.3
377	315	Highland Distl	372	- 1	2.7	17.4
195	150	Macallan-Glen	168	..	1.1	34.5
792	655	Matthew Clark	792	+ 2	3.5	
131	93	Minyden W	124	..	2.0	
2612½	1706¼	SA Breweries	1812½	- 62½	2.1	.

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3584¾	2743¾	ABN-AMRO	3387½	- 9¾	4.1	11.7
663	529	Abbey Natl	564	+ 2	4.8	10.6
395	322	Allied Irish	350		4.9	10.2
338	289	Aus New Z	319	+ 2	5.9	7.7
5243¾	3843¾	Bank America†	5062½	+ 50		
316	235½	Bank Scotland†	262	- 6	3.3	12.4
819	683	Barclays	775	- 1	4.2	10.1
488	422	Bk of Ireland	466		4.2	
482	403	Cater Allen	403		9.3	6.7
5587½	4031¼	Citicorp	5587½	+ 100		
392	318	Close Bros	374		3.0	15.6
£157⅞	£141⅞	Commerzbk	£145½	- 62½	3.5	
1350	1171½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1200	- 12½	0.4	
3412½	2878½	Deutsche Bk	3196½	- 9½	2.2	
803¼	593¼	Espirito Santo	778¾		4.7	10.2
1507	1265½	Fuji Bank Y	1411½	- 21¼	0.4	
472	370	Gerrard Nat	370		7.6	11.9
252	195	Hambros	238	+ 2	3.9	
1125	931	HSBC†	980	- 7	4.1	10.4
1099	990	HSBC HK†	974	- 11	4.1	10.4
421	385	Irish Perm†	396		3.2	10.8
173	143	King Shaxson	172		6.5	13.4
453	448	Leopold J	453		5.2	15.6
347½	294½	Lloyds TSB	315	+ ½	3.1	13.9
640	576	Nat Aust Bk	627	- 1	7.2	7.7
711	608	Nat West	620	- 7	5.1	8.7
66	58	Rea Brothers	58		2.2	27.5
596	483	Royal Bk Scot†	528	- 2	4.0	12.0
1380	1185	Schroders	1328	+ 8	1.5	18.5
1128	890	Schroders N/V	1040	+ 2	1.9	14.5
116	98½	Singer & Fried†	111		4.5	9.2
662½	547	Stand Chart†	619	- 10	2.2	13.5
105	85½	Union	99	+ 1	3.8	
£174¼	£131⅛	Wells Fargo	£162⅛	+ 150	2.1	
329¾	264	Westpac	313	+ 2¼	4.7	
305	268	Wintrust	303	.	4.8	17.3

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3550	1860	Brit Biotech	2975	- 80	..	..
715	340	Cantab Pharma	675	...	...	..
693	473½	Celltech	648	- 5	...	...
598	224	Chiroscience	480	- 17	...	...
447	166	Cortecs	351	- 2	..	...
989	767	Glaxo Wellcome	881	- 4	4.4	17.4
285	208	Medeva	247	...	2.8	14.6
245	198	Peptide Therap	237	..	..	.
808	524	Scotia	737	+ 7	..	
224	183	Shire Pharma	217	- 4	...	...
96	75	SkyePharma	92	..	..	..
726½	628½	SmithKline†	654	- 4½	2.8	18.1
1418	1216	Zeneca	1391	+ 3	2.8	22.5

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ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
58	18	Abacus Recruit	43			
185	95	Cafe Inns	175	.	...	...
86	58	Country Gdns	78	..	1.4	14.4
1300	860	Dawson Hldgs	1300	+ 50	2.3	
188	53	Flomerol	55	- 12	2.9	34.9
27½	14	Freepages	27½	- ½	...	...
117	92	Megalomedia	104		...	...
475	120	Memory Corp	147		...	
124	90	Old English Pub	120	+ 2	1.0	...
445	265	Pal City	408	+ 3		..
595	524	Southern News	582	- 2	...	...
68	50	Southern Vectis	68		3.4	15.3
227	122	Stoney Fr Inns	225	+ 2	1.1	26.5
74	46	Toscidora	78	...	..	.

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Chancery Division

Names' recoveries not part of Lloyd's trust

Society of Lloyd's v Woodard and Another

Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment May 17]

Litigation recoveries of names at Lloyd's did not form part of the trust which consisted of moneys belonging to or becoming payable to a *name* in connection with underwriting business.

A proposed amendment to the trust so as to catch the litigation recoveries to the extent of the name's indebtedness to Lloyd's was not a valid exercise of the power to amend as it was inconsistnt with the commercial purpose of the trust deeds.

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on an originating summons issued by the Society of Lloyd's against David Laurence Woodard and Antony Frederick John Wilson.

Lloyd's sought the determination of whether the clause 2(d) provisions referred to in paragraph 1 of the schedule to each relevant deed as varied on March 2, 1995 by the Council of Lloyd's in exercise or purported exercise of the power of variation or amendment conferred on it by clause 22 of each relevant deed, were, having regard to the true construction of that power and in the events which had happened, valid.

Mr Jules Sher, QC, Mr John Child and Miss Joanne Wicks for Lloyd's; Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC, Mr Nicholas Warren, QC and Mr Paul Newman for the names; Mr Richard Slowe, solicitor, for the second defendant.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that some names at Lloyd's who had suffered substantial underwriting losses had succeeded in recovering damages from members' agents, managing agents and syndicate auditors. Some of these names had duly discharged their indebtedness to Lloyd's incurred in respect of their underwriting losses.

Many, however, had not and Lloyd's had had to draw on its own funds to meet the insurance liabilities of those who either could not or would not provide the funds to meet their liabilities. It was not unnaturally anxious to ensure that the litigation recoveries were applied in or towards the discharge of any outstanding indebtedness of *the litigants to* Lloyd's.

One of the features of the arrangements under which names carried on their underwriting business was that each name was required to exercise a trust deed, known as a premiums trust deed. Lloyd's and the name's members' agent were the other parties to the deed.

Clause 2(a)(i) provided that "the trust fund shall consist of ... all premiums and other moneys whatsoever ... now belonging or payable or hereafter at any time belonging or becoming payable to the name in connection with the underwriting".

Clause 22 gave power to the Council of Lloyd's to "revoke and determine the trusts hereby constituted or (subject always to the prior approval of the secretary of state) vary or amend all or any of them or any of the provisions hereof in which manner as the council think fit..."

Lloyd's *primary* contention was that the litigation recoveries were caught by clause 2(a)(i) in that they were "moneys ... belonging to or becoming payable to the name in connection with the underwriting".

However, that argument had been rejected by Mr Justice Saville in *Napier v Kershaw* (unreported, May 14, 1992) whose judgment was approved by the Court of Appeal in *Lloyd's v Morris* ([1993] 2 Re LR 217), a case that decided that the proceeds of stop loss policies effected by names were not caught by clause 2(a)(i).

Lloyd's contended that *Napier v Kershaw* was wrong, that the Court of Appeal's approval in *Lloyd's v Morris* was merely obiter *and not binding*. Alternatively, it was a decision on a point of construction of a document and therefore not binding but only persuasive on an issue of construction of another similar document.

His Lordship disagreed. The relevant passage in the Court of Appeal's judgment in *Lloyd's v Morris* constituted the ratio decidendi of the case and was binding on him.

As to construction, the point *about the Lloyd's premium* trust deeds was that they were all in the same common form. They were not merely similar. The factual matrix in the context of which each trust deed had to be construed would be exactly the same as the factual matrix applicable to every other trust deed.

A decision on the true construction of words in one trust deed was not, in his Lordship's opinion, capable of being distinguished from a case in which the same words in another trust deed were being construed and a decision on construction of a document was a decision on a point of law, not a decision on facts.

It followed that a decision of the Court of Appeal on the true meaning of clause 2(a)(i) of a premiums trust deed was binding *on courts of first instance* before which an issue of construction of premiums trust deeds in the same form arose.

The Master of the Rolls' judgment in *Lloyd's v Morris* expressly accepted the reasoning of Mr Justice Saville in *Lloyd's v Kershaw*. It followed that his Lordship was bound to accept and follow Mr Justice Saville's conclusion that litigation recoveries were not caught by clause 2(a)(i) of the premium trust deeds.

In any event, and apart from the obligation to follow binding authority, his Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Saville's conclusions.

In addition Lloyd's had purported to exercise their power of amendment under clause 22 adding a new subclause (d) to clause 2 whereby the litigation recoveries became to the extent of the name's indebtedness to Lloyd's, if any, part of the trust fund.

The names protested that the power of amendment conferred on Lloyd's by clause 22 was never intended to be used *for the* purpose of adding to the trust fund assets outside those which the conduct of the names' underwriting business had generated.

There were no words limiting the scope of the power to "vary or amend all or any of ... the provisions" of the trust deed. But it was accepted that any amendment made under the clause 22 power had to be consistent with the commercial purpose of the trust deeds.

The prime commercial purpose of each premium trust deed was to ensure that the business receipts of the syndicate underwriting business *that the managing agent* was conducting, for example, the premiums received from policy holders, the proceeds of syndicate reinsurance policies, the proceeds of salvage claims or other subrogation claims resulting from payments to policy holders, were under the control of the name's members' agent and managing agent and were available to meet the losses and expenses of the name's underwriting business.

If, and whenever it was thought *that the trust fund held under any* trust deed was inadequate, there were ample contractual or statutory powers vested in one or more of Lloyd's, the members' agent and the managing agent to require the names to supplement the assets in the trust fund or the Lloyd's central fund or otherwise. But each of these methods would require, if the name were unable or unwilling to pay, litigation and court orders.

All of the assets falling automatically within the trust fund were assets generated from time to time in the conduct of the underwriting business. The amendments, however, purported to add a specific existing asset, limited to the amount of a name's existing current *Lloyd's indebtedness, to the* trust fund.

Those amendments would, if valid, enable and cause the trust deed to serve an additional and different purpose to its prime commercial purpose. The additional purpose would be that of enabling Lloyd's to obtain, without the consent of the name and unilaterally, security for an existing indebtedness over the assets belonging to the names and specified *in the amendment*.

His Lordship had no criticism whatsoever of Lloyd's belief that litigation recoveries, ought, in fairness to other names who had duly discharged their Lloyd's debts or who had contributed to the central fund from which the defaulting names' liabilities had been met, to be applied by the names entitled thereto in discharge of any existing indebtedness to Lloyd's that those names might have.

Lloyd's had ample contractual powers to call upon the names in question to make their litigation recoveries available for that purpose. But what Lloyd's had done was to attempt a short cut which avoided the need for cooperation by the names or the risk of the need of litigation and court orders.

As sometimes happened to those who took short cuts, Lloyd's had lost their way and failed to reach their objective. Their chosen route had involved what was a misuse of the clause 22 amending power.

Solicitors: Simmons & Simmons; Richards Butler; S. J. Berwin & Co.

House of Lords

Reinsurers liable when sum payable ascertained

Charter Reinsurance Co Ltd v Fagan and Others

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Griffiths, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Mustill and Lord Hoffmann

[Speeches May 22]

For members of Lloyd's syndicates to be liable under a reinsurance contract which provided in the ultimate net loss clause for payment for "the sum actually paid", it was sufficient that the claim against which the reinsurance was to *indemnify them* had been established to be immediately payable and it was not necessary to have been actually paid.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal brought by Mr Patrick Feltrim Fagan and all other members of Lloyd's Syndicates 540 and 542 for the 1989 and 1990 underwriting years of account, against the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (*The Times* November 6, 1995) by a majority (Lord Justice Staughton dissenting) of the syndicates' appeal from the decision of Mr Justice Mance on July 5, 1995 that they were liable under reinsurance contracts with the reinsured, Charter Reinsurance Co Ltd, despite the fact that Charter was in provisional liquidation and unable to pay its debts.

The reinsurance contracts provided, *inter alia*: "2(a) The reinsurers shall only be liable if and when the ultimate net loss sustained by the reinsured ... exceeds ... (c) The term 'net loss' shall mean the sum actually paid by the reinsured in settlement of losses or liability..."

Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC, Mr Robert Hildyard, QC and Mr Stephen Ruttle for the syndicates; Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC, Mr John Rowland and Mr Andrew Neish for Charter.

LORD MUSTILL said that the syndicates did not dispute that all the requirements of a valid claim against them by Charter were present, save that Charter had not and could not pay the claims which the syndicates had reinsured. Thus the syndicates argued that Charter had no cause of action under the reinsurance.

The practical importance of the defence, if sound, was obvious and its implications had been multiplied by the levels of financial frailty experienced in the London insurance market in recent years. Across the market as a whole very large sums depended upon it, and the litigation from which the appeal stemmed had been brought in practice, if not in form, a test case.

The case for the syndicates was that the words "actually paid" created a condition precedent that Charter should have paid under the original policies before the syndicates had any liability. If the expression had a natural and ordinary meaning, effect should be given to it. By no stretch of language could it be extended to cover a situation in which Charter had not made any disbursement, actual or even notional, and would never do so.

Initially, his Lordship had thought that the meaning of the words was quite clear and that the complexities and mysteries *of the* specialist insurance market had hidden the obvious solution and had led the courts below to abjure *the simple and right* answer and to force on the words a meaning which they could not possibly bear.

However, this was an occasion when a first impression and a simple answer no longer seemed the best, since his Lordship realised that the focus of the argument was too narrow. The words had to be set in the *landscape of the* instrument as a whole. Once that was done, the shape of the policy and the purpose of the terms became quite clear.

Four essential features of the insurance were described: the perils insured against; the measure of indemnity; the duration of the cover; *and the premium*. What mattered was the group of provisions which established the measure of indemnity, once a loss by an insured peril had taken place. His Lordship would break those down as follows:

(i) Clause 2(a) fixed the level at £3,000,000 at which the financial *prejudice suffered* by Charter under the policies in consequence of a loss by a peril insured under the policy caused a liability to attach.

(ii) Clause 2(b) incorporated into the scheme of the policy four sets of layered specific insurances identified in the schedule. When an event occurred which was a peril insured under one of those sets of insurances and also under the policy the limits of all the insurances comprising that account had to be exceeded before any *indemnity* began to fall under the policy.

(iii) Clause 2(c) gave meaning to clause 2(a) by defining ultimate net loss and made clear that the syndicates were not to pay losses gross, but that there was to be a netting down for recoveries, salvage, etc when ascertaining whether, and if so by how much, the relevant liabilities of Charter crossed the boundary into the layer covered by the policy.

(iv) Clause 2(d) elaborated clause 2(c) by making it clear that the fixing of an ultimate net loss in respect of any set of linked losses was provisional, in the sense that *the* amount of it, and *hence* its impact on that layer of insurance was to be open to re-computation if and when items of the identified description subsequently accrued to the benefit of Charter.

(v) The proviso in the second part of clause 2(d) emphasised that even though the computation of an *ultimate net loss was provisional*, if it yielded a figure broaching the bottom of the layer insured under the policy it would then be recoverable even *if a subsequent* recalculation might lead to an upward or downward adjustment.

(vi) Clause 2(e) ensured that the *calculation of the ultimate net* loss under clause 2(a) did not involve a deduction of the liabilities on the underlying layers, so as to diminish *the* possibility of a recovery on the layer covered by the policy.

Analysed in that way, the policy showed that it required the satisfaction of only two conditions before an indemnity fell due.

First, that an insured event occurred within the period of the policy and second that the event produced a loss to Charter of a degree sufficient, when ultimately worked out, to bring the particular layer of reinsurance into play.

That reading accommodated without strain the words "if and when" in clause 2(a): for they were concerned only with the point, not of time but with arithmetic, at which the figures for the ultimate net loss reached the appropriate level.

Equally, his Lordship was satisfied that the purpose of "the sum actually paid" in clause 2(c) was not to impose an additional condition precedent in relation to the disbursement of funds, but to *emphasise that it was the ultimate* outcome of the net loss calculation which determined the final liability of the syndicates under the policy.

In this context, "actually" meant "in the event when finally ascertained", and "paid" meant "exposed to liability as a result of the *insured under [another] clause*".

Those were far from the ordinary meanings of the words, and they might be far reaching from the meanings which they would have had in other policies, and particularly in first-tier policies of reinsurance.

But their Lordships were called upon to interpret them in a very specialised form of reinsurance, and his Lordship was now satisfied that, as Mr Justice Mance had said at first instance, the words in question did not have the purpose of introducing a temporal precondition to recovery in the form of disbursement or other satisfaction of *the precise* net commitment between Charter and its reinsured, but were there "for the purpose of measurement".

Lord Goff, Lord Griffiths and Lord Browne-Wilkinson agreed and Lord Hoffmann delivered a concurring speech.

Solicitors: Ince & Co; Davies Arnold Cooper.

Pregnancy exclusion is not sex discrimination

Secretary of State for Employment v Clark

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord *Justice Morritt and Mr Justice* Tucker

[Judgment May 15]

The exclusion of women absent *from work because of pregnancy* from the categories of employees specified in paragraph 2(1)(b) of Schedule 3 to the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978, who were entitled to payment in lieu of notice, did not breach article 119 of the EC Treaty and, therefore, did not constitute discrimination *on the ground of* sex.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the Secretary of State for Employment from the decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Mummery, Miss J. W. Collerson and Lord Gladwyn of Clee) (*The Times* April 7, 1995; [1995] ICR 673). The EAT had allowed an appeal by the applicant, Mrs Angela Clark, from the dismissal by a Birmingham industrial tribunal of her application for a payment in lieu of notice.

The applicant, who was entitled to 12 weeks notice, was on maternity leave when her employer went into liquidation. She brought a claim against the secretary of state under section 122 of the 1978 Act for the payment of the difference between the amount of the maternity pay which she had received and a normal week's pay which, she claimed, she was entitled to for the period of her notice. When that was refused she made a complaint to the industrial tribunal.

Section 122 specified debts of an employer for which the secretary of state was liable on the insolvency of an employer and included an amount which the employer was liable to pay the employee for a *period of notice*.

Paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 provides: "(1) If ... (a) the employee is ready and willing to work but no work is provided for him by his employer; or (b) the employee is incapable of work because of sickness or injury ... the employer shall be liable..." to pay the *employee a payment in lieu of* notice.

Article 119 defined "pay" as the "ordinary basic or minuimum wage or salary and any other consideration ... which the worker receives, directly or indirectly, in respect of his employment from his employer".

Miss Eleanor Sharpston for the secretary of state; Mr John Cavanagh for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that it was accepted on behalf of the secretary of state that the applicant was entitled to invoke article 119 directly in respect of her claim in the industrial tribunal. It was also accepted that for the purposes of the present appeal the payments in lieu of notice when paid by an employer to an employee constituted "pay" within the meaning of article 119.

The secretary of state did not accept, however, that payments in lieu of notice made by him pursuant to the specific provisions in section 122 were "pay" within the meaning of article 119. It was submitted that when such sums were paid by the secretary of state under section 122 there was no sufficient link between the employment relationship and the payment made.

The applicant, on the other hand, supported the decision of the EAT on the effect of article 119 but also argued that she could based her claim on paragraph 2(1)(b) of Schedule 3 to the 1978 Act.

The three principal issues were: (i) Whether the applicant could rely on paragraph 2(1)(b); (ii) whether any payments by the secretary of state under section 122 would constitute "pay" within the meaning of article 119; and (iii) whether, if the first issue were decided against the applicant, but the second in her favour, the provisions in paragraph 2(1)(b) constituted discrimination.

The argument of the applicant on the first issue was that the words "incapable of work because of sickness" in paragraph 2(1)(b) should be construed so as to include incapacity because of pregnancy.

His Lordship was unable to accept that argument because (i) pregnancy could not sensibly be described as an illness; (ii) the contrast between illness and pregnancy was recognised elsewhere in the 1978 Act, and *(iii)* the decision in (Case C 32/93) *Webb v EMO Air Cargo (UK) Ltd* ([1994] ICR 770).

In view of the decision which his Lordship had reached on the third issue it was not necessary to come to a final conclusion on the second issue. Nevertheless, it was his Lordship's view that assuming that damages for wrongful dismissal payable under section 51 of the 1978 Act were "pay" within the meaning of article 119, the payment of a *debt* by the secretary of state under section 122 was also to be regarded as "pay" within article 119.

As to the third issue, in his Lordship's judgment, it was now clear that Community law entitled member states to make special provisions for women who were absent from work because of pregnancy or confinement.

The provisions that were made then became a separate code. The code *provided* pregnant women with special protection but when in receipt of payments under the code their position could not be compared with that of a man or with that of a woman in work.

Accordingly, in his Lordship's view, the exclusion of women absent from work because of pregnancy from the categories specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 did not amount to discrimination on the ground of sex.

It followed that the applicant was not entitled to recover during the period of her maternity leave the difference between her basic wages and her maternity pay. His Lordship would therefore decide the third issue in favour of the secretary of state.

Lord Justice Morritt and Mr Justice Tucker agreed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; T. H. M. Tinsdills, Stoke on Trent.

Curing magistrates' court unfairness on appeal

Regina v Peterborough Justices, Ex parte Dowler

Before Lord Justice Henry and Mr Justice Turner

[Judgment May 3]

Under the appeal procedures of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, a procedurally unfair conviction before the magistrates might be cured by a fair trial on appeal to the crown court.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated in a reserved judgment when dismissing an application for judicial review by *Stuart Dowler to quash his conviction* before Peterborough Justices on October 11, 1994 for driving without due care and attention.

Miss Isabel Dakyns for Mr Dowler; Mr John W. Gibson for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE TURNER, giving the judgment of the court, said that the application raised one issue of general importance: where the conviction before the magistrates was flawed by procedural unfairness (failure to disclose to the defendant a potentially helpful witness statement), which had since been rectified (by delivery of the statement), and the defendant *had in train an appeal by way of* complete rehearing to the crown court judge sitting with magistrates under section 108 of the 1980 Act, should the Divisional Court, in the exercise of its discretion: (i) quash the conviction and remit the case to the magistrates for retrial; or (ii) refuse to grant relief on the basis that the statutory appeal under section 108 provided a satisfactory remedy?

Convictions in the magistrates court could be challenged in three ways:

1 The right of appeal under section 108.

2 An appeal by way of case stated on the grounds that the conviction was wrong in law or in excess of jurisdiction under section 111. That appeal was an alternative to the section 108 appeal.

3 *Challenge by way of judicial* review. That challenge was not an appeal as such, but a collateral challenge to the decision-making process. It could cover the same ground as appeals by way of case stated. An allegation of procedural unfairness ordinarily fell more naturally into the territory of *judicial review* particularly where there was no factual dispute.

One difference between the appeals procedure and judicial review was that *an appeal had to be* started within 21 days of conviction, whereas leave to apply for judicial review should be made promptly, at least within three months of the grounds arising.

If the more leisurely timetable of judicial review were permitted to delay challenges to magistrates' decisions, the clear intention of Parliament would be defeated.

Miss Dakyns conceded that in each case it must be a matter of the court's discretion whether *to grant* judicial review and that it should not be granted where there existed an equally effective and convenient remedy.

She submitted that was not the case here. Under the appellate scheme to be found in the 1980 Act, the accused was entitled to a fair trial *before the magistrates and, if* convicted, a fair rehearing before the crown court judge sitting with justices.

If that were right, then it would follow that if the rehearing occurred before the judicial review, and the crown court fairly convicted, that conviction would be *invalid if the original* conviction were subsequently set aside for procedural unfairness. She advanced no reason why a fair hearing in the crown court should in the circumstances be other than just that: fair.

The court was satisfied that the submission could not be correct.

First, in the field of *criminal* law, their Lordships knew of no principle, let alone authority, to suggest that a person was entitled to more than one fair trial. The present case was unlike an appeal against the jury's verdict. When a jury's verdict was challenged, there was no automatic right to a retrial.

The right to a retrial after conviction by magistrates seemed to their Lordships to be given to reflect the fact that a lay bench might get it wrong, rather than to ensure that the defendant was twice tried and twice fairly convicted before the conviction could be upheld. There was no reason in law or in sense for the defendant to be given an extra "life".

In appeals within domestic or other specialist tribunals, other considerations might apply and *Mr Justice Meggary's dictum in Leary v National Union of Vehicle Builders* ([1971] Ch 34, 49) might be appropriate but always subject to the qualification made by Lord Wilberforce in *Calvin v Carr* ([1980] AC 574, 593).

Second, *R v Barnes, Ex parte Lord Vernon* ([1910] LT 860) was authority to the contrary. Lord Alveston there made it clear that even if the original conviction before the magistrates were quashed for unfairness, the conviction *on appeal* by way of rehearing to quarter sessions would stand unaffected. And that was the assumption that the court made when refusing judicial review *R v Mid-Worcestershire Justices, Ex parte Hart* ([1989] COD 397).

Third, the provisions of section 111(4) of the 1980 Act obliged a person who both wished to obtain certiorari on appeal by way of case stated and to challenge the conviction on its merits to raise both *points on his appeal*.

But if, as would almost invariably be the case, the error in law or procedural unfairness was cured in the appeal, then the result of the appeal would render the issue as to the impact of the error of law or procedural unfairness in the first trial academic. If the appellant was convicted again, it then mattered not whether the original conviction stood or fell, likewise if the appellant was acquitted.

In so finding, their Lordships differed from the decision in *R v Bradford Justices, Ex parte Wilkinson* ([1991] 1 WLR 692), which they were entitled to do as that decision was in conflict with *R v Barnes, Ex parte Lord Vernon* which had not been cited.

Having decided that under the *appeal procedures of the 1980 Act* a procedurally unfair conviction before the magistrates might be cured by a fair trial on appeal to the crown court, the question of discretion to quash the conviction before the magistrates answered itself. Judicial review should be refused.

More difficult cases might arise where the defendant had not appealed under section 108, but had gone straight for the judicial review remedy for procedural irregularity.

But assuming, as their Lordships did, that the procedural *irregularity would not recur in the* section 108 rehearing, why should not the applicant be refused leave on the basis that the section 108 appeal could be made available to him, whether or not any judicial review succeeded?

That would allow exceptional cases still to be brought by way of *judicial review when the court* considered that such a course would best meet the real justice of the case, as where it might be determinative of the whole case.

But usually interposing a judicial review hearing would lead to an unnecessary hearing, *unnecessary costs and unnecessary* delay. That was a point for the leave stage, on which the potential respondent should be heard.

Solicitors: Greenwoods, Peterborough; Crown Prosecution Service, Cambridge.

Correction

In *Akinbolu v Hackney LBC* (*The Times* May 13) Mr Simon Read appeared as junior to Mr James Goudie, QC, for Mr Akinbolu.

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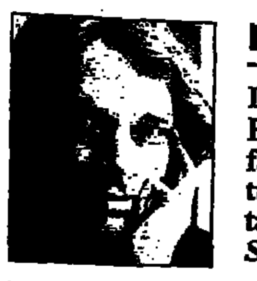

■ OPERA

David Leveaux, Harold Pinter's favourite director, turns his theatrical talents on a new *Salome* for ENO

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The prolific playwright Peter Whelan scores again with *The Herbal Bed*, his latest for the RSC

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Russia's dazzling Maly Drama brings a not-to-be-missed production to Nottingham

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Esa-Pekka Salonen and the Stockholm Chamber Orchestra bring inspired music-making to the Barbican

OPERA: **Andy Lavender** talks to director David Leveaux about *Salome*, sex and keeping a low profile

Invisible man lifts the veil

Somebody once said to me, 'How many times are you *going to be rediscovered?*'" David Leveaux recalls. Leveaux is 38 years old and (if you have not yet discovered him) is a theatre and opera director. He first came to notice at the age of 24 with an award-winning production of Eugene O'Neill's *A Moon for the Misbegotten* in London. He was invited to direct the play for the American Repertory Theatre; the new production transferred to Broadway and further awards followed. Since then he has dipped in and out of the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company, London's West End and prestigious theatres in countries as far apart as America, Turkey and Japan.

He *is* Britain's Pimpernel director, one minute lost to view, the next popping up somewhere in the world with a rather fine production. Was he most recently rediscovered a couple of years ago, when he directed Harold Pinter's *No Man's Land* at the Almeida, in a production starring the playwright himself and Paul Eddington? That show, with the most subtle nuances of pace and tone, transferred to the Comedy Theatre. Or was it when he received a Tony Award nomination for best direction for his New York production of O'Neill's *Anna Christie*, starring Liam Neeson and Natasha Richardson? Or when Pinter entrusted him with his most recent play, *Moonlight*, which made the familiar journey from Islington to the West End?

In any event, Leveaux seems to have combined a glittering career with a low profile. He might have to brace himself for being rediscovered all over again, however, for he is currently putting the finishing touches to his first production for English National Opera — Richard Strauss's version of Oscar Wilde's *Salome*.

The invitation to direct the opera came, he says, after his production of *The Turn of the Screw* for Scottish Opera. "It was a very odd, pathological production," he recalls. "I think that was probably what ENO had in mind. They knew that if I was to direct *Salome* it wouldn't involve some kind of biblical epic."

Leveaux insists that he is not a "concept" director, fixing the production even before he has met the performers in the rehearsal room. "If I do have a style," he says after some thought, "it's to do with trying to locate the unconscious pulses that cause a scene to move in a certain way, and bring those to the surface."

What better approach could there be for *Salome*, given the text's cocktail of eroticism and violence? The story is familiar: John the Baptist has been imprisoned in the palace of Herod. When the Tetrarch begs his stepdaughter, Salome, to dance for him, she agrees, on condition that he deliver to her the head of the fascinating but disquieting prophet. So much for the plot. The unconscious pulses racing beneath it are to do with paedophiliac desire, sexual awakening, beauty, blasphemy and apocalypse. One critic rather sniffily described the play as "decadent purple, a symbolist extravaganza". But *what* purple, Wilde might have observed.

> ‘ Some kinds of decadence don't seem resonant any more ’

"In the Wildean sense you can understand the play as being a philosophical and erotic investigation of the pursuit of beauty and the pursuit of love," says Leveaux. "It's homosexual literature. But Strauss, *this* pillar of bourgeois propriety, why *did* he approach this story? I guess that, like Wilde, he was asking, 'What is the nature of innocence? What is the nature of sin?'

"Strauss has transferred it to opera with staggering fidelity, and then taken it further. You don't feel that this is a play that has somehow been diminished by the addition of music."

Wilde's play was produced in Paris in 1896, although it was banned in this country and only received its first public performance here in 1929. Strauss's opera was written in 1905. The piece does have a turn-of-the-century flavour. It is also, Leveaux suggests, appropriate to our own *fin de siècle* — not in any forced sense of "relevance", but in its psychological undercurrents. "It's a kind of neurotic piece," he says. "We're living in neurotic times, where the desire for redemption is so potent that a story about a young woman whom we desire and yet who does something absolutely unforgivable is very concrete."

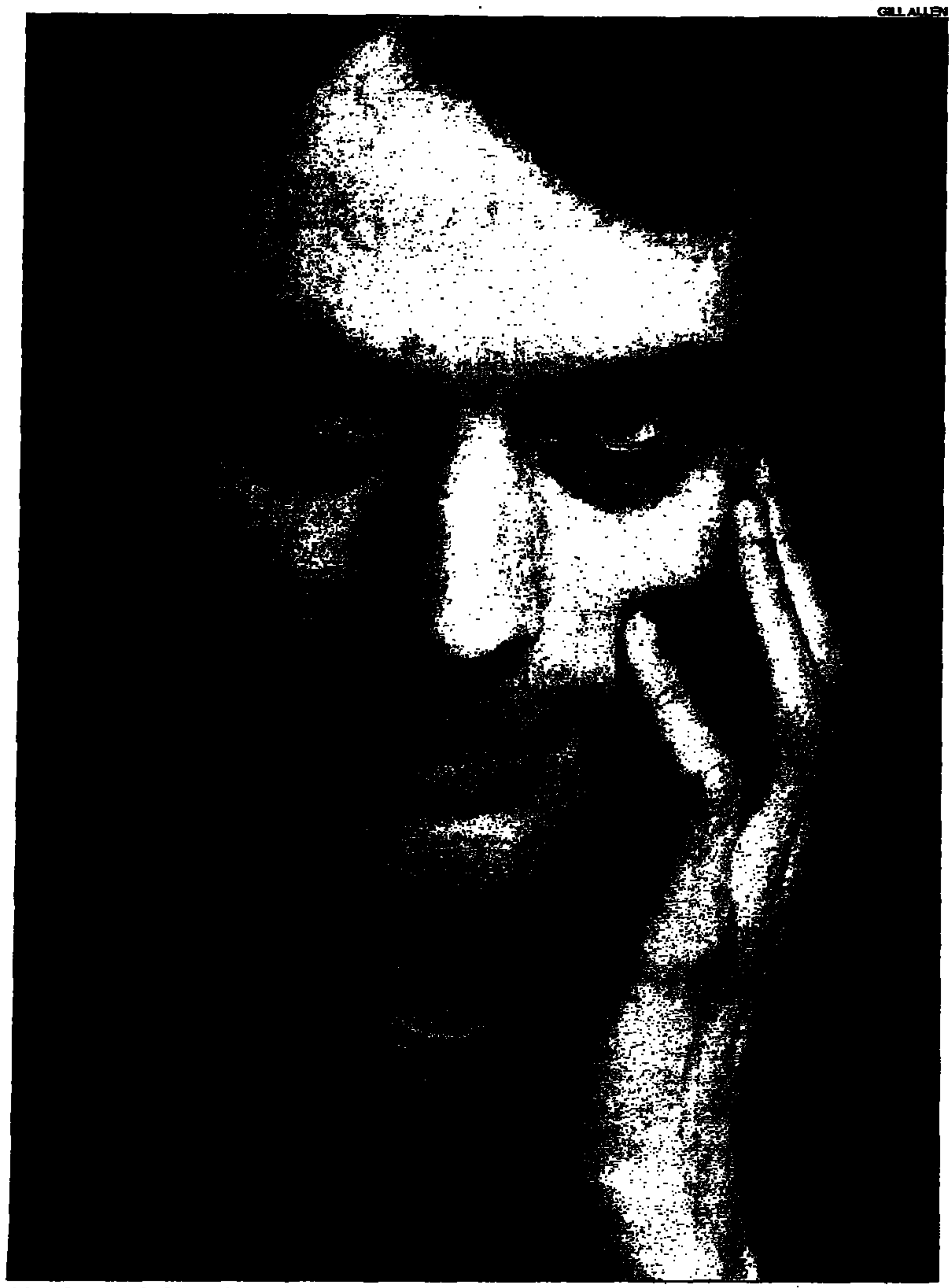
The designer, Leveaux's longstanding collaborator Vicki Mortimer, has provided "a black wall standing in black space". The set indicates Leveaux's stripped-down approach.

"Some kinds of sensual decadence don't seem to me to be particularly resonant any more," he says. "One just wants to look at what actually happens in the opera — so we've removed at least six of the seven veils, as it were. We don't have a Dance of the Seven Veils."

Leveaux declines to describe what Kristine Ciesinski, who plays Salome, will present instead, being content to observe that, "once you get to some kind of human nakedness, that's when revelation begins now". Phrases like this indicate Leveaux's confidence. For the past three years he has been artistic director of Theatre Project Tokyo, a company he formed in order to mingle Eastern and Western theatre experiences more extensively than is usually the case when a West End director jets off to Japan. This means spending up to five months a year directing three productions in Tokyo.

Now that TPT has established itself, he is contemplating a return of sorts to Europe. "I don't have some cultish desire to be utterly secret," he says. Not that Leveaux needs rediscovering all over again. Just noticing a little more frequently.

● Salome *opens tomorrow at the Coliseum (0171-632 8300)*



The Pimpernel of British theatre, David Leveaux: "I don't have some cultish desire to be utterly secret"

CLASSICAL CONCERTS

Painting by French numbers

Philharmonia/ Tortelier
Festival Hall

TUESDAY night's offering from the Philharmonia in the "Après l'Après-midi" series featured three masterpieces but juxtaposed them with two other intriguing scores that filled out the picture of 20th-century French composition. The early evening concert was devoted to the world premiere of *Sigrancia Ballade* by Betsy Jolas.

Jolas was born in France, and, as pupil and subsequently colleague of Messiaen, is a significant figure in the musical establishment. The work was introduced in a platform discussion between Jolas and John Amis, but not a lot was given away. Nor was Jolas willing to give much help with the text, which was impenetrable as only the French know how. The verb "marcher" loomed large and a walking motif stalked the work. David Wilson-Johnson delivered the text with characteristic *brio*, but the task of communication was an uphill one.

Rather more engaging was Henri Dutilleux's *Timbres, espace, mouvement*, which deploys an unusual orchestral layout to superb effect. Violins and violas are absent, which paradoxically draws attention to treble-range parts (provided by wind and brass), separated as they are from the well-delineated bass lines (12 cellos, who have an interlude to themselves). That spacial sense is the "espace" of the title, while the "mouvement" refers to the wind and brass textures that conjure the whirling, turbulent night sky of Van Gogh's *La nuit étoilée* (The Starry Night), the work's subtitle.

If this was far more than tone painting, so too was Yan Pascal Tortelier's reading of Debussy's *La mer*. He lost no time in whipping up the stormy winds of the last movement, yet the vividness of the drama seemed to betoken an agitated psychological state rather than mere pictorialism.

Similarly dramatic — almost operatic — was Tortelier's exhilarating account of the second suite from Ravel's *Daphnis et Chloé*, with full-blooded contributions from the Philharmonia Chorus. Ravel's Piano Concerto in D for the left hand was also given an extrovert performance, with Jean-Philippe Collard a demonstrative soloist.

BARRY MILLINGTON

An inspired hand

Stockholm CO/ Salonen
Barbican

THE fluent clarity that Esa-Pekka Salonen brings to the most complex of works makes his reputation as an excellent conductor of difficult music easy to understand. But it was reassuring to hear the same qualities in his performances of standard repertory at the Barbican on Tuesday: he gave freshly-inspiring accounts of works by Prokofiev, Beethoven and Strauss.

Salonen was visiting with "his" Stockholm Chamber Orchestra — he is artistic director — and their rapport paid dividends. Prokofiev's *Classical Symphony* revealed the orchestra's sound, which is based on warm, resonant strings and characterful winds. The group functions — like Scandinavian furniture — with efficiency and style. But the players did not lack humour in the Gavotte, or the infectious high spirits called for in the whirling Finale.

A modest-sized orchestra like this is ideally suited to Beethoven's early Piano Concerto No 2, and in the finale its players were easily able to match the spiky dance rhythms of Yefim Bronfman at the keyboard. He proved an invigorating soloist, by turns poetic and powerful.

In Strauss's *Metamorphosen* for 23 solo strings, no star stood out, which helped to preserve the sense of this being a multilayered chamber work. Salonen shaped Strauss's 1945 dirge for a lost Munich with spiritual intensity. Grief and anger turned to resignation as the spring at the work's centre was released with unforced naturalness.

JOHN ALLISON

THEATRE: Shakespeare's daughter defends her name in Peter Whelan's latest; plus, insight into the Russian soul

Suit of her honour

The Herbal Bed
The Other Place, Stratford

In 1613 Susanna Shakespeare, daughter of the more famous Will and married to a Stratford physician, sued a young gentleman for slander. He had publicly accused her of having "*the runinge of the reynes*", ie, gonorrhoea, and that she had "been naught", ie, lascivious, with a haberdasher of the town, one Rafe Smith.

This is known because the case went to the Consistory Court at Worcester Cathedral, where the archives survive.

Not a great deal more is known about the case or the people involved, though Susanna's husband, Dr John Hall, kept a detailed casebook of his treatments, many of whose ingredients he grew in his own herb garden.

Peter Whelan sets his latest play on a paved courtyard midway between this garden and the room where the doctor mixes the medicines. The rear wall of the stage (design: Robert Jones) is a towering fence of wattle and daub, across which an episcopal curtain is drawn for the scene in Worcester.

The absorbing play that Whelan has created, by allowing facts and imagination to combine, satisfies the human curiosity to know what might lie behind the bare statements of a legal document. How did the accusation come about? Was there any truth in it?

In looking for a persuasive answer Whelan creates a group of individuals whose interlocking lives have the blood of reality pulsing through them. Even more successfully than in his play about Marlowe, *The School of Night*, Whelan brings a bygone age to life.

Michael Attenborough is a director who can inspire his cast to create details of appearance, movement and interaction that make them seem current with their characters.

The trickiest task falls to Teresa Banham (Susanna), who must present respect for her husband and (mostly) frustrated love for Rafe, while at the same time show that she is essentially good. Banham gives reality to Whelan's portait of a complex, immorally moral being.

Susanna endures anxiety; others suffer pain: Liam Cunningham's Dr Hall, wrenching his attention from the sickness outside his house to that within; Joseph Fiennes's Rafe, choking in the turbulence of desire and religious belief. Further from the centre are David Tennant, the confused rakehell, and Jay McInnes's equivocating servant, Hester. Stephen Boxer's Puritan inquisitor thrillingly racks the tension in the courtroom scene. Will Shakespeare is just about to make his entrance, dying, when the play ends.

JEREMY KINGSTON

A loose grasp on reality

Claustrophobia
Nottingham Playhouse

Since the Wall came down and the Iron Curtain was raised, Lev Dodin's dazzling Maly Drama Theatre Company has been welcomed with open arms worldwide. In 1994 the troupe brought five celebrated productions to Britain, among them *Stars in the Morning Sky* and *The Cherry Orchard*. Now comes the chance, not to be missed, to catch *Claustrophobia*. Funny, surreal, bleak or hopeful, this is an extraordinary vision of the Russian soul, an expressionistic picture of Eastern Europeans in the Nineties.

Everything happens in a white room. The whole thing may be inside your head yet we have also been transported, quite specifically, to Room No 319 in the old Theatre Academy in St Petersburg.

The room has been completely whitewashed, but not recently. While institutionally stark, it retains, or has acquired, quiet grace: its high walls tapering away towards far doors, a few radiator pipes, a practice bar where a ballet class warms up.

Room 319 is where the young students of the Maly Drama Theatre School are taught to act, improvise, create new worlds.

Dodin's young actors and actresses take on a mass of characters. They might be inmates in a detention camp, the homeless seeking shelter in a church, institutionalised lunatics, army officers, or former drama students simply wandering into an old dance studio.

The company portrays people in flux, caught between — or escaping into — the past and the future. These people come under different influences: capitalist, communist, Christian, neat spirits, high spirits. They confuse hard facts and fictions, enjoy new freedoms but also crave the old dictated securities.

At once vastly imaginative and masterfully controlled, Dodin's cast seemlessly merges dramatic dialogue with modern ballet or a burst of jazz. A disillusioned down-and-out's speech slides into a monotonal aria; folk choiring changes into the chugging of a train packed with Soviet recruits or perhaps social rebels.

Apart from the significance of the odd scene being hard to decode, not helped by the split focus of surtitles, this piece is richly suggestive and powerfully absorbing. The ensemble playing is superb, the emotional intensity strong.

KATE BASSETT

● Claustrophobia, *hosted by a small consortium of theatres and supported by Barclays Stage Partners and the Arts Council of England among others, tours to Glasgow's Tramway and the Lyric, Hammersmith*

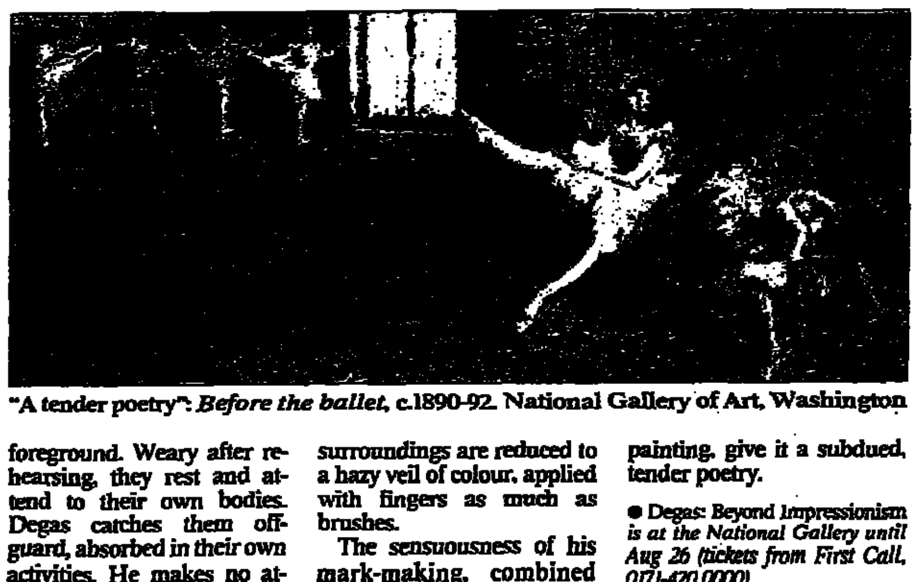
DEGAS: BEYOND IMPRESSIONISM — DAY THREE

Richard Cork selects highlights from the National Gallery exhibition

Degas commenced this picture by reworking an earlier canvas, obliterating the dancer who once filled the centre of the composition. The figures have been pushed to the sides, leaving the floor surprisingly empty. Light spreads across it from a distant window, but the rehearsal room remains dim. The four ballerinas practising at the upper edge are blurred, their limbs brushed in loosely by a painter no longer concerned with meticulous detail.

The older he grew, the more Degas simplified his technique. He aimed at conveying the essence of a scene, and the four figures are defined with the utmost economy. The sprightliness of their upturned legs is contrasted with the languor of the two dancers in the foreground. Weary after rehearsing, they rest and attend to their own bodies. Degas catches them off-guard, absorbed in their own activities. He makes no attempt to romanticise their hard-working lives. But their surroundings are reduced to a hazy veil of colour, applied with fingers as much as brushes.

The sensuousness of his mark-making, combined with the soft colours he favours throughout the painting, give it a subdued, tender poetry.



"A tender poetry": *Before the ballet*, c.1890-92. National Gallery of Art, Washington

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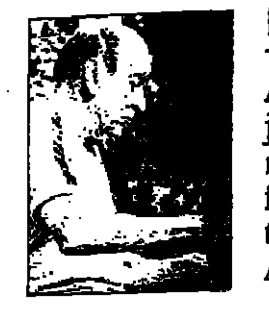
Keb' Mo', one of the big new names on the music scene, brings his guitar to the London Blues Festival



■ JAZZ

A vital sliver of jazz history: a new album shines fresh light on the late pianist Art Hodes

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by *Gillian Maxey*

LONDON

DANCE MOVES. The Berlin-based choreographer **Sasha Waltz** and her Guests arrive at The Place for the sixth *Turning World* festival of dance from abroad. Waltz gives the final part of her *Travelogue* trilogy, *All Ways Six Steps*, accompanied by Tristan Honsinger's jazz score. Meanwhile, the New York choreographer **Trisha Brown** arrives at the Queen Elizabeth Hall for her only dates in London.
The Place, Duke's Road, WC1 (0171-387 0031). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm; **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank, SE1 ♿ (0171-960 4242). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm.

SALOME: Strauss's sensuous and decadent work receives a powerful new production at English National Opera, with Kristine Ciesinski in the title role, Robert Hayward as the prophet and object of her desire, and Sally Burgess and Alan Woodrow as her monstrous parents. The director is David Leveaux (see feature on page 35).
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300). Tomorrow, 8pm. Then May 31, June 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 24, 27, July 3 ♿

WIGMORE RECITALS: Returns only for tonight's song recital at 7.30pm by the celebrated mezzo-soprano Cecilia Bartoli, accompanied by György Fischer on the piano. However, there is a slim chance tickets will still be available for Sunday's recital (7pm) by the baritone Dmitri Hvorostovsky, who offers six Tchaikovsky songs, Mahler's *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen* and Gyorgy Sviridov's *St Petersburg song cycle*. With Mikhail Arkadiev at the piano.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141) ♿

ELSEWHERE

BRIGHTON: The 30th international arts festival ends this weekend with Rough Magic touring theatre company's production of Stewart Parker's play **Pentecost**, set during the Ulster Workers' Council strike of 1974, and directed by Parker's niece, Lynne (Theatre Royal — 01273 328 488; tonight, tomorrow 7.45pm). Later this evening (10.30pm), the Brighton Festival Chorus performs **Rachmaninov's Vespers** at St Bartholomew's Church. On Sunday (The Dome, 8pm), the festival closes with Yuri Temirkanov conducting the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** and Brighton Festival Chorus in Mahler's *Resurrection* symphony; with Susan Chilcott, Katarina Karnéus. **Festival box office** (01273 709 709) for information and booking.

DUMFRIES: Scottish Ballet begins a three-week, 21-venue tour of Scotland with highlights from their repertoire, *That Certain Feeling* — a tribute to the music of Gershwin, and Mark Baldwin's witty and observant work *More Poulenc*. **Theatre Royal, Queensbury Street** (01387 247 067). Tonight, 8pm. Next in **Dumbarton**, Denny Civic (01389 763 175), May 25; **Dunfermline**, Carnegie Hall (01383 720 108), May 28; **Alloa**, Town Hall (01259 213 131), May 29.

WATFORD: Jean Boht and Diana Quick in **Kindertransport**, Diane Samuel's strong and moving account of a Jewish girl who escaped prewar Germany and grew up in England without a past. Directed by Abigail Morris, who created the award-winning Soho Theatre Co production.
Palace, Clarendon Rd (01923 225671). Preview tonight, 25, 8pm and May 27, 7.45pm. Opens May 28, 7.45pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Eve Arnold: In Retrospect (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum**: Painting and sculpture from south India (0171-636 1555) . . . **Brunei Gallery**: Ottoman Art (0171-637 2388) . . . *Llewellyn Alexander*: Godfrey Tonks (0171-620 1322) . . . **Mall Galleries**: Royal Society of Portrait Painters (0171-930 6844) . . . **National Gallery**: Degas: Beyond Impressionism (0171-747 2885) . . . **Tate**: John Everett Millais (0171-887 8000) **V & A**: William Morris (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
▨ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BLUE REMEMBERED HILLS**: Dennis Potter's poignant drama of wartime childhood: this production's comedy overbalances the frail structure.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Mon, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. In rep ♿

☐ **CALAMITY JANE**: Gemma Craven plays the rootin'-tootin' tomboy with Stephen McGann as Wild Bill Hickok in Paul Kerryson's production of the musical of the film of the legend.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Ave, EC1 (0171-713 6000). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat 2.30pm. *Until June 15* ♿

☐ **COMEDY OF ERRORS**: The New Shakespeare Company's season opens with Claire Lyth's production of the Bard's double-twin mix-up. With Debra Beaumont and Paula Wilcox.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Previews begin tonight, 8pm. Opens May 28, 8pm.

☐ **FREIWILD**: Moving Theatre opens a season of Schnitzler with the British premiere of his 1896 play: an army officer, deep in debt, harasses an actress he considers fair game. Rehearsed playreadings of other Schnitzlers on Sats May 25 to June 15.
New End, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (0171-794 0022). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sun 4.30pm. Until June 16 ♿

☐ **MIND MILLIE FOR ME**: Felicity Kendal plays the cocotte in Peter Hall's production of Feydeau that goes for the pain in the story, is not so much laughter.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm ♿

▨ **THE RELAPSE**: Victor Spinetti plays the fretful Lord Foppington in Ian Judge's production from last year's Stratford. Amusing performances in a soft-focused view of the play.
Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm. In rep ♿

☐ **ROAD MOVIE**: Godfrey Hamilton's latest one-man play, performed by Mark Pinkosh and a sell-out at last year's Edinburgh. A man heads West across America finding love and grief.
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat 8pm; mat Sat 4.30pm ♿

▨ **SALAD DAYS**: Welcome return of Julian Slade's tuneful musical, directed by Ned Sherrin. Nicola Fulljames and Simon Connolly play the young lovers.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

■ **SOME SUNNY DAY**: Martin Sherman's stimulating new play, set in Cairo in 1942 where the Brits are reduced to stiff-lipped panic, wife-murder and other courses appropriate to changing one's life. Splendid cast.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until June 1 ♿

☐ **TOMMY**: Hugely impressive staging of the traumatised child's apotheosis to pinball wizard; loads of electronic tricks disguise the improbability.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm ♿

LONG RUNNERS

▨ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800)
▨ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072)
☐ **Communicating Doors**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . . ☐ **Funny Money**: Playhouse (0171-839 4401) . . .
▨ **Jolson**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . . ☐ **Mack and Mabel**: Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) . . . ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909)
■ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400)
☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) .

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ANGUS** (12): Fat high school kid fights off his bullies. Tame teen movie that means well. With Charlie Talbert and Kathy Bates. Director, Patrick Read Johnson.
Plaza (0800-888 997)

UNE FEMME FRANCAISE (18): High-class tosh, with Emmanuelle Béart and Daniel Auteuil treading 30 years of French history. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720)

◆ **MUPPET TREASURE ISLAND** (U): Kermit and Miss Piggy invade Stevenson's classic. Jolly addition to the Muppet movie saga, with Tim Curry. Director, Brian Henson.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **PRIMAL FEAR** (18): Cocky defence attorney Richard Gere gets sucked into a devious murder case. Superficial thriller, directed by Gregory Hoblit.
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** ♿ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

SECRETS & LIES (15): Mike Leigh's Cannes triumph: an uneven but absorbing tale about family life, its pains, bonds, and skeletons. With Brenda Blethyn and Timothy Spall.
Barbican ♿ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Screen on Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

BLUE IN THE FACE (15): Stories and jokes about Brooklyn life. Indulgent companion piece to *Smoke*, with Harvey Keitel, Roseanne, and many cameos. Director, Wayne Wang.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Plaza** ♿ (0171-437 1234) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **KIDS** (18): Unedifying portrait of kids running wild in Manhattan. A first feature by still-photographer Larry Clark; the cast is non-professional.
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◆ **MONEY TRAIN** (18): Nasty antics in New York's subway system, with Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson. Director, Joseph Ruben.
MGM Trocadero ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **RICHARD III** (15): Shakespeare updated to the 1930s. Dynamic cinema, with Ian McKellen. Director, Richard Loncraine.
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Minema** (0171-235 4225) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen on the Hill** (0171-435 3366)

◆ **SENSE AND SENSIBILITY** (U): Emma Thompson's radiant adaptation of Jane Austen's early novel, with Thompson and Kate Winslet as sisters with different approaches to romance. Director, Ang Lee.
MGM Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** ♿ (01426 915683) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THINGS TO DO IN DENVER WHEN YOU'RE DEAD** (18): Hip and humane crime drama from new director Gary Fleder. Andy Garcia heads a fashionable cast.
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As the London Blues Festival begins, **Clive Davis** meets rising star Keb' Mo'

Outstanding at crossroads

The name suggests all kinds of possibilities. Keb' Mo' could be the latest baseball-cap-wearing homeboy to walk into a gold-plated recording contract. Or he could be the new world-music sensation from Mali. Or a blind, half-lame *folk singer discovered on a porch* in deepest Mississippi.

In fact, Keb' Mo' is none of these, although that last description is reasonably close to home. A forty-something singer-guitarist whose real name is the much more prosaic Kevin Moore, he has leapfrogged to the front rank of contemporary blues artists on the strength of just one album. With a follow-up due for release next month, he brings his charismatic blend of original tunes and Robert Johnson cover versions to the London Blues Festival this weekend.

As a revivalist, Moore is following the path trodden by that other exotically named guitarist, Taj Mahal. Both men bring a refreshing aura of spontaneity to their material.

What was so startling about his first album, simply entitled *Keb' Mo'*, was that it was largely made up of his own compositions, some acoustic, others played on electric guitar. To discover a 1990s singer-songwriter who can work in this vein without slipping into self-conscious pastiche or rock'n'roll bombast is a rare pleasure.

A jobbing musician who has had to wait a long time for the chance to prove himself, Moore is a latecomer — a semi-detached bluesman, if you will. "I don't consider myself a real blues musician," he says. "The blues has its own distinct tradition. It's just the kind of music that shines through in any setting."

To underline the point that he sees the 12-bar themes as simply one strand of his musical DNA, he explains that *Victims of Comfort*, one of the tracks on his last album, was originally conceived as a Phil Collins-type production number with swirling synthesizers and stadium-size drums. Some musicians would go to great lengths to cover up any interest, past or present, in someone like Collins. Moore, a soft-spoken native of Los Angeles, seems to look back on it as just one more point along the learning curve.

His parents provided a link, however tenuous, with the blues' Southern roots: his mother was born in Texas, his father in northern Louisiana. *Moore himself passed through* a succession of studio and touring assignments, including a spell with electric violinist Papa John Creach, before being signed to a label in 1980. The record that resulted — which he has described as "like alternative R&B, a little folk, a little reggae" — made little impact.

It was not until six years ago that his career took a decisive turn, when a Los Angeles theatre company was looking for a musician to play Delta blues in a new production. Moore was offered the part and set about immersing himself in the recordings of Johnson and Big Bill Broonzy.

He stepped back into Johnson's enigmatic world when he portrayed him in a dramatised documentary made recently for American public television. The singer's turbulent life, and all the talk of his making a Faustian pact with the Devil one night at a lonely crossroads, have long been the stuff of rock mythology. Moore sees matters in a more matter-of-fact light.

"It wasn't a heavy-duty acting role — it just gave me a chance to walk in his shoes a little. But it helped me understand what 'going to the crossroads' is all about. I think it's symbolic of commitment. Johnson didn't sell his soul to the Devil, he went to the woodshed — he worked on his music.

"In this business you reach a point where you have to decide: am I in it, or am I out? There was a time when I felt I had to decide whether I was going to stay with music, or whether I was going to do something else. But really I had no choice. Music is the only thing that motivates me."

● *Keb' Mo' is at the Waterman's Arts Centre tonight and Blackheath Concert Halls tomorrow. His new album,* Just Like You, *will be released by Okeh on June 24*

"I don't consider myself a real blues musician": a surprise for the growing number of fans of Keb' Mo', who played Robert Johnson on television

History after hours

JAZZ ALBUMS

ART HODES
Keepin' Out of Mischief Now
Candid CACD 7971717

IN HIS delightfully indiscreet memoirs, Kingsley Amis had few good words to say about anyone except a few intimate friends. Sad to say, the pianist Art Hodes was one of the victims of his barbs.

"An 84-year-old pianist who was terrible 40 years ago," wrote Amis, reflecting on his decision not to go out to hear Hodes play with Wild Bill Davison. Would he have been quite so dyspeptic had he heard this late-period solo recital, especially its melancholy, introspective treatment of *St Louis Blues*?

When Amis was a gay young 78 collector, Hodes might well have seemed an occasionally over-earnest champion of early music and "primitive" blues forms. By the time of this recording, 1988, he had himself become a much-cherished, living and breathing sliver of jazz history, a rare link with a lost era.

Alan Bates's Candid label has already issued Hodes's playful solo tribute to Jelly Roll Morton. *Keepin' Out of Mischief Now* comes from the same year, and once again illustrates how, in old age, the inevitable narrowing in Hodes's vocabulary and range actually has the effect of creating greater emotional depths in the music.

Struttin' With Some Barbecue is taken at an impressive gallop. But it is his mellow, at times skeletal, handling of the other vintage melodies — from the gradual acceleration of pace in *See See Rider* to the stately *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* — that make this unpretentious, after-hours offering so difficult to resist.

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CLIVE DAVIS

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Violent images and a shuffling hip-hop beat in *Return of the Real*, the latest release by gangsta rapper Ice T

■ POP 2

After the runaway success of her recent single, it's only business as usual for Gabrielle on her new album

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■ POP 3

Peter Perrett, the man whose songs evoke seedy glamour and strange agonies, is back with a new group

■ POP 4

Sinéad O'Connor joins Bono and Christy Moore on *Common Ground*, a collection of Irish songs

Something really nasty in the T

NEW RELEASES: **David Sinclair** on albums by Ice T and Peter Perrett, and a slice of single cheese from Mike Flowers

ICE T
VI: Return of the Real
(Priority/Rhyme Syndicate/Virgin 7243 8 41700)

OF ALL the gangsta rap acts, Ice T has made the greatest impression on the British mainstream. As author, actor and presenter of *Baadasss TV* (which returns to Channel 4 tonight), he has become an articulate figurehead for an American strand of black consciousness that many people find distasteful at best.

For while the fictional representation of violence in literature and film is part of an established tradition, the use of music as a vehicle for such purposes still strikes a disturbing chord. On *Pimp Anthem*, for instance, the frequently repeated refrain of "Bitches get my money before you get dropped" is accompanied by a woman's scream and the sound of a fist hitting a face. The effect of the imagery is all the more chilling for the casual way in which it is linked to a shuffling hip-hop beat. The oft-repeated message that these ugly tales of life in South Central LA are an accurate reflection of reality — a point rammed home on the title track — is, frankly, not reassuring.

That said, there is an undeniable poetic fluency to Ice's grim rhymes, especially the autobiographical *I Must Stand* and, along with the everyday street sounds of squealing tyres and gunshots, the album is distinguished by some supremely taut beats and bass loops.

And if you look for it, *Return of the Real* is also leavened by a thin thread of black humour. Complaining with customary delicacy about the artistic interference which rap acts apparently endure from the "Jewish mother*****s" who run their record companies, Ice comments: "Their s***'s way off course/It's like me telling Johnny Cash how to sing about his horse."

GABRIELLE
Gabrielle
(Go! Discs 828 724)

THE long-running success of her superb single, *Give Me a Little More Time*, has fuelled considerable interest in Gabrielle's second album. Can there be more where that came from?

Sadly not. For, although this is another carefully crafted selection of conventional pop-soul songs with a light, upmarket sheen, the album is completely overshadowed by the grainy, pseudo-Stax production and inspired horn arrangement of that one atypical gem. Otherwise, it is business as usual.

The south London singer boasts a pleasing range of vocal tones, from meek and kittenish on *I Live in Hope*, to tough and husky on *If You Really Cared*. But she confines herself to the one subject — affairs of the heart — with lyrics that tread familiar ground.

There are one or two good tunes, notably *There She Goes*, a song that would not have sounded out of place on the most recent Lloyd Cole album, but there is a disappointing lack of substance overall.

PETER PERRETT IN THE ONE
Woke Up Sticky
(Demon FIEND 773)

HAVING languished in dark places since the demise of the Only Ones in 1981, the wraith-like figure of Peter Perrett returns at the helm of a new group which he has half-heartedly christened the One.

A vampiric personality, touched with a fragile and largely unrecognised genius, Perrett continues to write songs that evoke unsettling images of seedy glamour and hint at strange internal agonies. "Nodding out, white light/Shadowy figures approach with the night," he sings in his feverish, southern English croak on the poignant title track.

The album is very much cast in the image of the Only Ones and, as in the past, the musical setting often sounds a little too strait-laced to accommodate Perrett's otherworldly persona. But it is good to have him back, and his version of the old Ray Davies song *I'm Not Like Everybody Else* is spot on.

VARIOUS ARTISTS
Common Ground
(EMI Premier 8 37691)

FROM the inanities of the Eurovision Song Contest to the serious barometer of the *Billboard* World Music chart, where seven of this week's Top Ten albums are by Celtic acts, there is no escape, these days, from the pervasive legacy of the Irish musical tradition.

Throwing his hat into this already crowded ring, producer and multi-instrumentalist Donal Lunny has assembled an all-star cast of Irish and Irish-related acts, including Bono and Adam Clayton of U2, Elvis Costello, Kate Bush, Sinéad O'Connor, Christy Moore and Máire Brennan to record a collection of predominantly traditional songs for *Common Ground*.

Although cautiously performed in some cases — although not by Liam Ó Maonlai, whose African-sounding chant of *Cathain* is a work of rare and mysterious splendour — the results are generally pleasing if a little predictable.

Speaking the unspeakable: Ice T explores some of the uglier aspects of LA life on *Return of the Real*

TOP TEN R&B ALBUMS

1	The Score	Fugees (Columbia)
2	Boyz of Swing	Various Artists (Polygram TV)
3	Swing Mix '96	Various Artists (Telstar)
4	Vybin' 3	Various Artists (Global Television)
5	Ocean Drive	Lighthouse Family (Wild Card)
6	Return of the Mack	Mark Morrison (WEA)
7	Words	Tony Rich Project (LaFace)
8	HIStory	Michael Jackson (Epic)
9	The Best Rap Album in the World	Various Artists (Virgin)
10	New Beginning	SWV (RCA)

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SINGLE OF THE WEEK

THE MIKE FLOWERS POPS
Light My Fire/Please Release Me
(London 850 617)

THE man with the golden rug is back, this time transforming hits by the Doors and Engelbert Humperdinck into instant easy-listening classics.

Light My Fire has always had a supper-club ambience, and Flowers offers little advance on the José Feliciano version which was a lounge-lizard hit in 1968. But the dirgeful ballad, *Please Release Me*, gets the full cheese treatment — with a sensationally irreverent horn arrangement by Smith & Elms — and comes up smelling of deliciously fake roses.

Wide awake Wener

A YEAR ago, Sleeper were enjoying the thrill of their first hit and launching a debut album that was to sell 150,000 copies. The band's singer and songwriter, Louise Wener, was being fêted by the pop papers, where her sharp-witted comments filled their pages and her wide-eyed look adorned their covers. Now, with their new record, *The It Girl*, Sleeper are receiving a more muted reception.

Sleeper have changed, it is true, but not necessarily for the worse. Boisterous enthusiasm and rudimentary resources have made way for a more sophisticated style. Keyboards and an additional guitarist flesh out the sound of the original four-piece. There is now a light show, where before there were just lights.

Sleeper
UEA, Norwich

The songs, too, are part of the makeover. The infectious bounce of *Inbetweener* is more sedate; the ribald *Delicious* seems more restrained. The new songs, meanwhile, show off their clever arrangements. *Shrinkwrapped* veers between gear-grinding guitar sounds and a gentle lilt; *Good Luck Mr Gorsky* drifts dreamily.

But the show still belongs to Wener. She patrols the middle of the stage; guitarist Jon Stewart and bassist Diid Osman stand quietly to the side. She exudes a quiet confidence as she refuses either pure pop irony or raw rock passion. It is a stance that recalls Debbie Harry, but it is a pity that Wener's voice sounds strained. She should treat herself to a backing singer.

Sleeper may never rediscover the heady days of their debut, but British pop is not so overendowed that it can ignore someone who writes lines about "Dostoevsky's household tips" and then introduces the song by saying, "This one is about knickers".

JOHN STREET

Young, gifted and slack

There are nice, safe, rock and pop bands. And then there is Pusherman

CAITLIN MORAN

There are very few things in this world more exciting than a genuine Rock Moment — records and performances by bands that are saved from being acts of sheer insanity by the cathartic coolness of the act.

I remember the Manic Street Preachers on stage two months before Richey disappeared, noses bleeding from feedback, holding their guitars and eyeing up their amps ... 20 minutes later £8,000 of debris littered the Astoria.

There are others: "Jane's Addiction's first album — it was 1990, everyone thought rock was dead. First four bars and it lived again. It was as simple as that. And Primal Scream at Glastonbury in 1992, just after *Screamadelica* came out, doing *Step Inside This House*. The intro's got a whistle in it — I was just standing in a field, in the dark, listening to 60,000 people whistling. The girl next to me fainted — she said later on that she got so excited thinking about how great the rest of the song was going to sound that her brain overheated."

And Pusherman's first gig. "We hired a warehouse, and charged everyone £3 to get in. We invited everyone we knew, told them to invite anyone they knew, and went up to complete strangers in pubs and clubs and invited them too. We thought we'd break even if 250 people turned up. We had a thousand. A great Rock Moment."

We are sitting in a bar in King's Cross with Martin and Yank from Pusherman, discussing great Rock Moments because Pusherman's third single, *Chase It*, is one of them. Without even the courtesy of a "One, two, three, four" count-in, *Chase It* crashes straight in with a squalling, bluesy riff that out-Zeppelins Led Zeppelin, carries on at full tilt into the most monstrously hedonistic chart-bound song since Happy Monday's *Wrote For Luck*, and finishes in a thrilling finale of harmonies and sheer noise that brings to mind the sound of two cold, dead planets colliding while drunk.

"In order to write music that makes people want to have a good time, you have to be having a good time yourself, to experiment with different moods," Yank grins. "We thought we'd trying recording naked, or in drag, on the floor. When we finished a track, we would set the speakers up outside, turn the volume up loud and roll around naked, screaming. Well, *they* all did that," he adds. "I thought it was a bit cold."

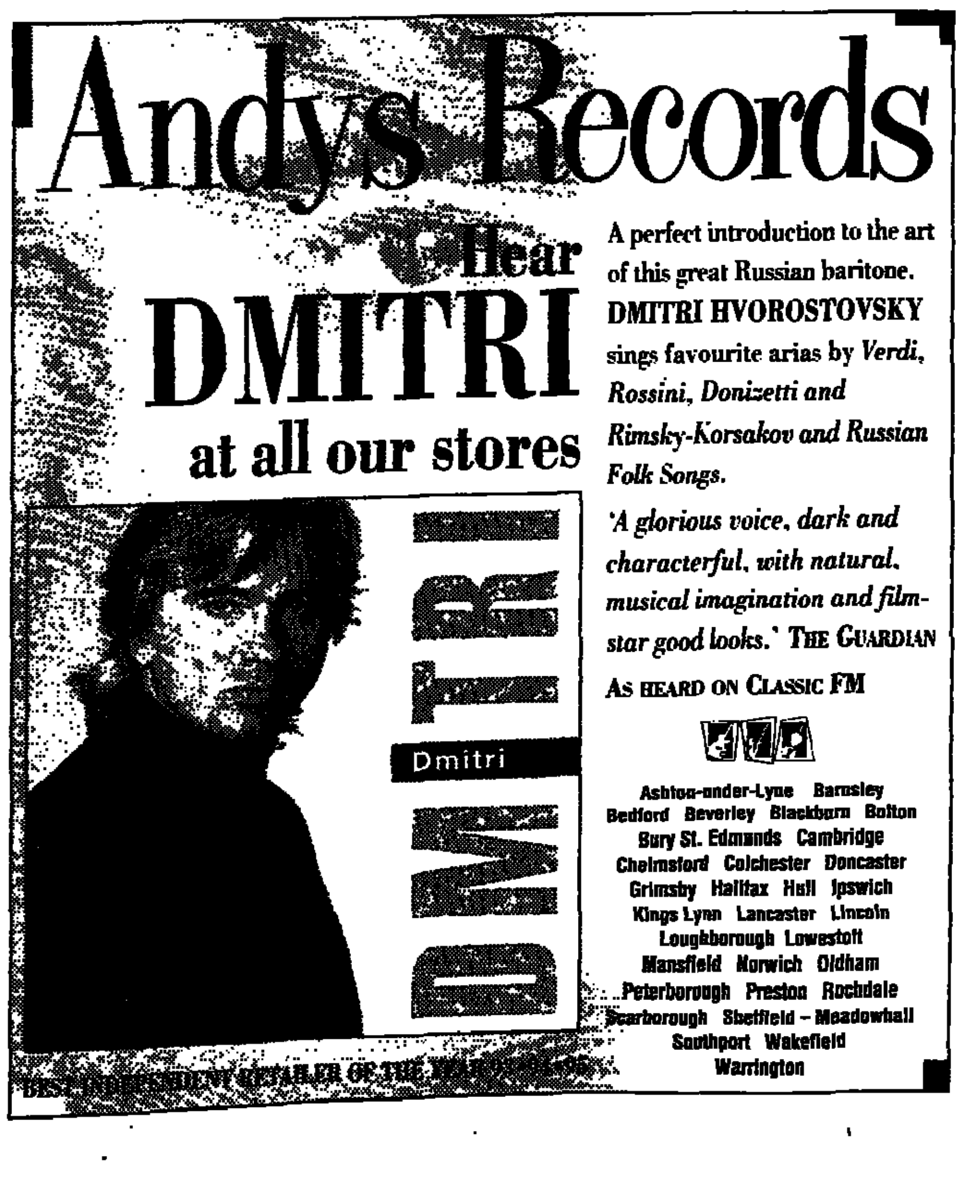
"They had the police out looking for him," Martin counters, gesturing at Yank. "When we recorded in Cornwall, Yank went wandering off to find a chip shop. Five hours later we realised he still hadn't come back, so we called out the police, had a helicopters and sniffer-dogs situation going on until dawn, whereupon Yank turned up with a head wound and no memory."

"I'm being more sensible at the moment," Yank says, pointing to his mineral water.

So, with all these rock shenanigans going on, aren't Pusherman's parents horrified by their lifestyle? "Oh no," Martin says. "My dad's an actor — he's been in *The Bill* and, um — I dunno what else. He keeps really quiet, we never know what he does. You'll be sitting there watching *Casualty* and suddenly go, 'Wow, that mangled, bleeding leg — it's my dad's!'

"He thinks the band's great. He rang up yesterday and said: 'I went to HMV in Hampstead, and they don't have a copy of the single; but then I went to Rhythm Records and asked for it and they instantly said 'CD or vinyl?'" He's saved us a fortune in market research."

● *The single,* Chase It, *is out now on Ignition Records*



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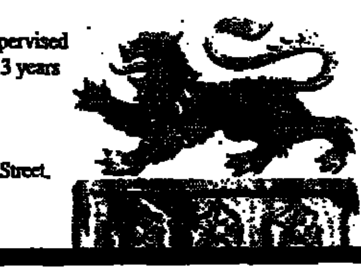

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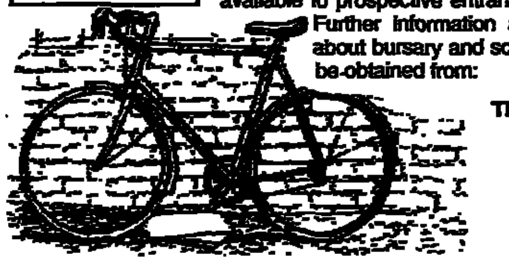

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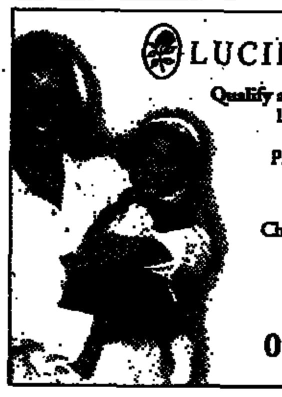

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How to make schools safe

Susan Elkin offers solutions to the growing problem of dangerous intruders

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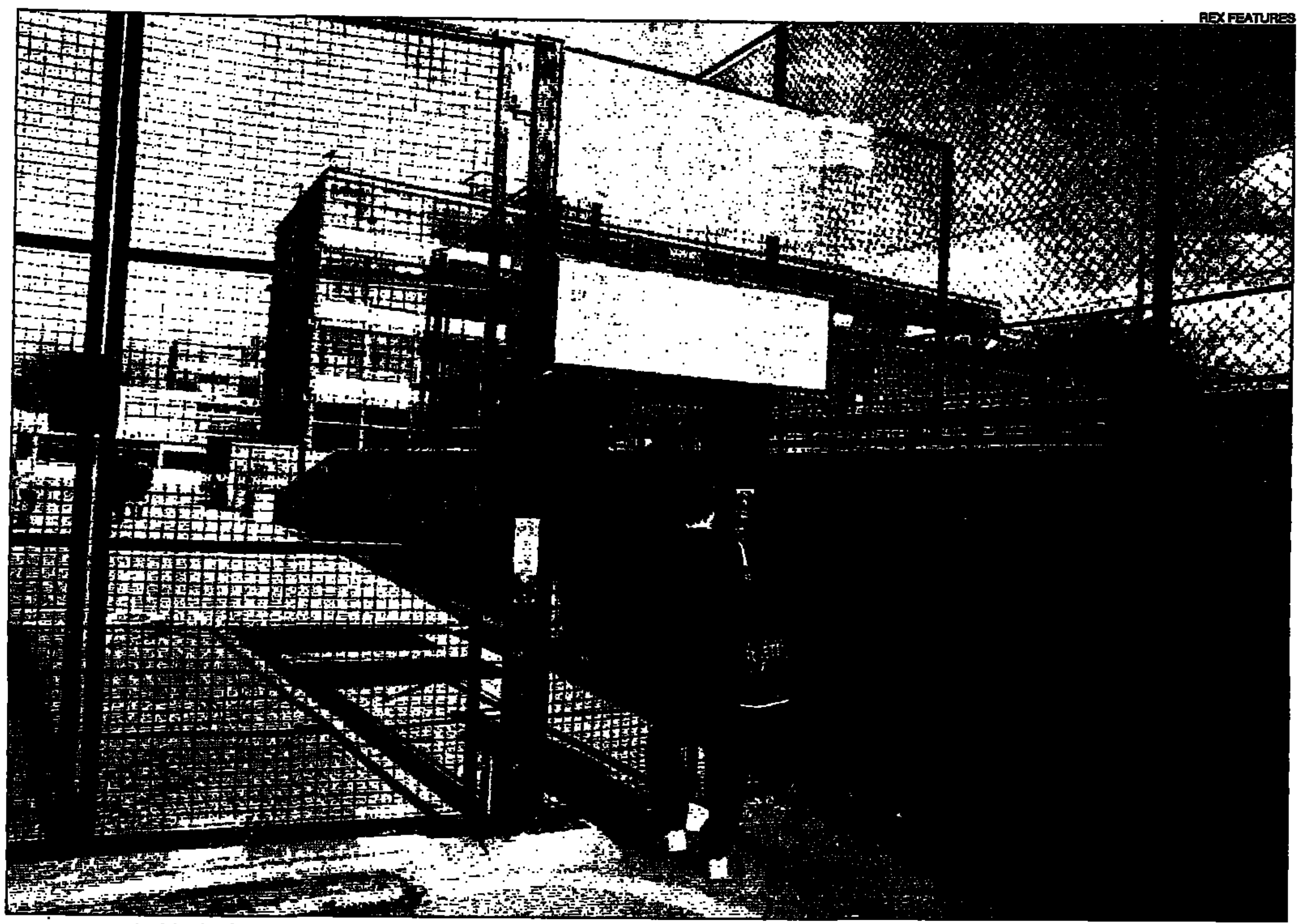


Is this the future for all schools? A high fence keeps out intruders at the Geoffrey Chaucer School in east London

School security will be back in the news next week, as head teachers vent their anxieties about the state of their premises and their vulnerability in the face of aggressive and abusive adults.

The tragic deaths of Philip Lawrence, the head teacher who died protecting a pupil, and of Nicky Conroy, the schoolgirl shot dead while quietly at work in a school classroom, should have focused attention on the problem of how to keep undesirables away from schools. Unfortunately they did not — or not enough.

Before last week's government report on the subject could be compiled, the school security timebomb, which has ticked menacingly for years, finally blew up. The deranged Thomas Hamilton ran amok and killed 16 infants and a teacher at Dunblane in March.

Less dramatic — but nonetheless serious — breaches of school security go on all the time. About four years ago, I had to drive an injured 60-year-old male colleague to hospital. Three young thugs had arrived, trespassing on our girls' school premises via the open side-door. Ron, a smallish, white-haired man, challenged the intruders. Their vicious attack left him on the ground, his face so badly bruised and bleeding that we feared for his left eye.

My office was near the ever-problematic side-door, in an out-of-the-way corner. On several occasions, outside visitors arrived unexpectedly at my door. Usually they were affable, having made a genuine error. On one or two occasions they were alarmingly aggressive. In the end, I never sat working in there with the door unlocked. If I was doubtful, I rang for reinforcements before I opened up.

I learnt a salutary lesson when I needed special protection one lunchtime when an aggrieved mother marched in to "sort me out". My crime? I had reprimanded her less-than-angelic daughter for misbehaviour.

Several schools in my area have suffered devastating arson attacks. Millions have had to be spent on refurbishment or rebuilding, simply because arsonists could walk on to school premises at will.

Then there is theft. It is quite common for thieves to wander into school in search of easy pickings during the working day. I taught in one school where people and property had to be protected by a security guard with an alsatian during parents' evenings.

It is getting worse, for two reasons. First, criminal behaviour seems to be increasing at an alarming rate. Too many people have too little to do, and amorality is becoming the norm.

Secondly, many school buildings are in a parlous state. Fences are nonexistent or damaged, flimsy doors need repairing, many sites are ill-lit and not enough use is made of alarms. Most of this comes down to money and priorities.

There are at least four things, already done by some and addressed in last week's report, which all schools should now be required, and assisted financially, to do.

No school building should have more than one main door. Other doors should be alarmed emergency fire exits, opening only from the inside. The main door should have an entryphone system. Once school is in session, no one should be able to get onto the premises uninvited.

There should be a vehicle barrier at the main gate or entrance to the grounds and an intercom connection to the main office. This would prevent unwanted or unknown vehicles from being driven onto the site.

Every visitor should be issued with an electronic tag so that the school office can track precisely who is on the premises.

All school sites should be properly fenced. Open green sites which double as unofficial public parks for the local community at weekends and after school hours are simply not safe. I know one formerly "open" school which was comprehensively fenced just before Christmas. Staff and pupils unanimously report that they feel much safer now.

And lastly, public footpaths. The last three schools I have taught at have all been traversed by public rights of way. Since you cannot always distinguish the harmful from the harmless, it should be a condition of planning permission that footpaths are diverted off site when new schools are proposed. Schools and local education authorities should, moreover, be applying, as a matter of priority, to move all the existing paths which cross school sites.

Some local authorities are reputed to "require" a specific accident tally at a danger spot on the road before they will sanction the construction of a zebra crossing. Are we seeing the same careless-of-life attitude to the safety of children and adults in schools?

CUTTING DOWN THE RISK: AN EXPERT VIEW

IAN JOHNSON, a security consultant based in Surrey, tells schools trying to improve security: "Find out what the risks are likely to be — then get independent objective advice and get an integrated solution."

Schools are top of the list of commercial buildings likely to be damaged by arson, he says. "Good boundary security is vital. It's got to define the school as private property. There should be good access control, secure lockable doors and windows and lighting which shows up the peripheral areas but not the building.

"You might consider the judicious use of closed-circuit television as a deterrent — although its main use is as an investigative tool. Electronic tags or an access control system are fine but must be carefully managed. Security guards are expensive and might give a school the wrong image. As schools, like industry, move into the high-tech world they must beware of computer theft. Chip theft has reached epidemic proportions.

"Good asset-tagging systems to monitor equipment are coming on the market now and we have high hopes of them"

From dyslexia to public school scholar

Bruce Kemble visits the country prep trying a new approach

Bruern Abbey prep school, in a Georgian house nearly lost in the depths of the Cotswolds, is about to become the the country's first prep entirely devoted to converting dyslexic pupils into successful candidates for top public schools.

For seven years, it has been a conventional institution with a reputation for doing well by its children with special learning difficulties. Already, Leo Geddes, a dyslexic pupil from the Shipton-under-Wychwood school, has won a place at Eton. Leo was a judge's son who the staff say was brilliant and will one day be a QC. But he lacked confidence.

Now Sterling Stover, the prep's American-born Principal, has decided to admit only those suffering from dyslexia. He says: "Socially, we were marvellous; but academically there were problems. We handled the dyslexics in the conventional way. They would be taken out of lessons for help in a small group. This worked when it was for only two or three lessons a week — but if they needed more when they came back into mainstream classes, they had to catch up.

"Their schoolmasters, being schoolmasters, would want to make sure they'd catch up, so they'd set the same material again. The boys who had not missed these lessons would have to go through them again and began to feel resentful. It became counter-productive."

Numbers went down. Mr Stover recruited Paddy Heazell, a leading prep-school headmaster, and discussed what to do.

Mr Stover, a lawyer, says: "We have superb prep schools on each side of us — Summer Fields, the Dragon, Cothill — with magnificent facilities. They are among the best in the country and are only 35 minutes' drive away. There is not the demand for a small country prep any more. We needed to do something educationally different. We are not in competition with these schools. We couldn't offer on a smaller scale what the Dragon did. The answer became fairly obvious. We should concentrate on what we did well: concentrating on children who are not thriving in a conventional environment. "

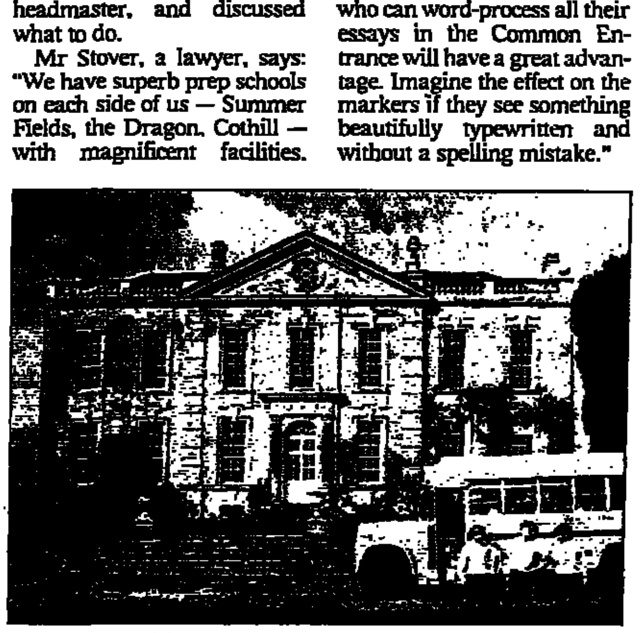
Mr Stover, who has born in Texas 45 years ago and has lived in England for 20 years, bought Bruern Abbey because he fell "in love with the south front on a summer's day".

He added: "There are about half a dozen independent schools that concentrate on dyslexic children, but they do not prepare them for the Common Entrance exam — the only passport to public schools. We felt there was a need for a school that would change its teaching methods, without altering the Common Entrance syllabus."

And though the buildings may be nearly three centuries old, he is striding out at the head of the technological revolution.

"The laptop or the computer may well be the great equaliser for dyslexic children," he says. "Each of our pupils will have one."

Teachers often say: "If you can spell, you're not dyslexic." Mr Stover says: "The pupils who can word-process all their essays in the Common Entrance will have a great advantage. Imagine the effect on the markers if they see something beautifully typewritten and without a spelling mistake."



Bruern Abbey prep school: an unusual approach

Stephen Logan on the reality behind the university ratings. Are students losing out?

Teaching comes a poor second

Last week's *Good University Guide* made full use of the official assessments of teaching and research which have assumed such importance in higher education. By measuring teaching and research in crude quantitative terms, the Government claims to be indicating the relative merits of university departments.

However, to judge from my conversations with non-academics, the public has little idea of what is really going on. Bad measurements that look precise are the most misleading. The present system of academic accountancy, as described in last week's Education pages, is calculated to mislead government officials, parents, teachers, students, journalists and academics themselves.

In the 1980s the Government decided that universities should be assessed by their power to produce marketable goods. The nearest thing to that in most subjects is a book. So, since 1992, universities have been assessed by the quantity of their published research. Academics accordingly use the term "research" for any academic publication.

Since 1995, the Government has displayed the sophistication of its interest in university teaching by assessing that too. The system has survived not because it is an accurate measure of a department's educational quality, but because most academics who do well under it collude with it.

Measuring a department's quality by its research output inevitably discriminates against students. Academics were formally expected to fit their private studies around their teaching. Now they are penalised if they do not concentrate on their "research".

Until the introduction of the research assessment exercise, most academics would have agreed that discussing their subject with students was a useful way of testing, refining (and disseminating) knowledge. Teaching, in short, was mutually beneficial. But canny lecturers now know that their bread is buttered chiefly on one side — and students are getting increasingly short measure.

University teaching has become a second-class activity. People who achieve good research ratings are rewarded by exemption from teaching. This reduces the number of good teachers available, and tends to confirm the already well-established perception of teaching as an activity for second-raters. The main burden of teaching is increasingly borne either by people not especially well-qualified to do it, or by people whose expertise is poorly repaid with either praise or money.

Institutions that pride themselves on their research are frequently quite shameless about this, advertising jobs for "teaching assistants" at £5,000 a year, or relying on freelancers and postgraduates to bump up their staff-student ratios. Nonetheless, a department can still get an "excellent" for teaching when one-to-one supervision of students is a rarity and classes of 20 undergraduates and upwards are common.

The crudeness of the method for assessing teaching makes the research assessment exercise look subtle. How many of the schoolteachers who are impressed to see a university department rated "excellent" realise a) that the only alternatives are "satisfactory" and "unsatisfactory" and b) that these ratings are not awarded by assessors, but are applied for by university departments, then checked by assessors?

Good researchers are rewarded individually. Good teachers are not. My best teachers — and I consider myself fortunate in having had several — did not publish much. Under the actuarial system of today, the quality of their work would not have been recognised.

On the other hand, most academic books and articles are not worth the writing. Most of what wins a university a "5" in the research ratings is neither useful nor enjoyable. The energy that goes into them would, for the most part, be better spent on teaching. This would be good for students, good for the morale of gifted teachers, and would clear the ground so that really valuable published work would be easily recognised by more than a small army of anxiety-ridden dons.

There is no justification for the fact that exceptional teachers are undervalued while mediocre "researchers" are overpraised. No justification besides the fact that it is easier to count pages than to understand the subtle means by which the best kinds of learning are nourished.

● *The author is Director of Studies in English at St Edmund's College, Cambridge.*

The high price of peace in Bosnia

Help is needed to restore higher education in Sarajevo and Tuzla, **Daniel Rosenthal** reports

For much of the past four years, Bosnian academics have had to negotiate sniper's alleys on the way to deliver lectures in the unheated, bomb-damaged halls of Sarajevo and Tuzla universities.

As the civil war raged, many lecturers carried on teaching — working without pay in appalling conditions to enable hundreds of equally determined undergraduates to complete their degrees.

Now, as the two universities begin the process of reconstruction, a London-based appeal set up to aid their survival is marking its first birthday with a renewed call for help.

Academic Lifeline for Bosnia was established under the auspices of the World University Service (an Austrian organisation which helps universities in crisis). With the Association of University Teachers publicising the appeal nationwide, cash and thousands of pounds worth of books and stationery came in from as far afield from Bosnia as Huddersfield and Southampton. The latest aid shipment left last month.

From a 1992 peak of 21,500 full-time and 10,000 part-time students, Sarajevo University now has perhaps 8,000 in total. Of 1,500 academic staff, 14 were killed and fewer than 500 remain. More than 30 per cent of the university's premises were destroyed. The situation in Tuzla is not much better.

British universities cannot afford to offer major financial assistance. But, according to the founders of Academic Lifeline — Dr Celia Hawkesworth, of the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, in London, and Dr Zoran Pajic, formerly Professor of International Public Law at Sarajevo — they can contribute by revitalising Bosnia's war-weary dons.

Dr Pajic says: "If Sarajevo and Tuzla academics could spend a few weeks at a British university they would re-establish contact with the higher education community and regain their self-confidence." .

"As well as facing terrible physical hardships, they have been isolated from new books and journals for four years. Just being able to work in a well-stocked library would recharge their research and teaching batteries."

Last November, Academic Lifeline organised a consciousness-raising tour of 11 UK universities by Professor Nedzad Mulabegovic, Rector of Sarajevo, and Professor Enver Mandzic, Pro-Rector of Tuzla. As a result, Derby and Keele universities and Wye College, London, are hoping to arrange short visits by Bosnian staff. But Dr Pajic, now at King's College London, knows that many more offers of help are needed.

The opening of a new British Council office in Sarajevo in March provided a welcome boost. Susan Barnes, the office's director, says: "Supporting higher education in Sarajevo and Tuzla is one of my main priorities."

Academic Lifeline is also offering cash support to Sarajevo and Tuzla's lecturers, many of whom may be considering moving abroad. A "Stop The Brain Drain" fund, which aims to provide £40 a month for individual staff members, was set up late last year by Dr Hazel Smith, director of the University of Kent's Centre of International Relations.

"It might not sound a lot, but conditions are still so bad that it would make a huge difference in encouraging people to stay," she says. The fund stands at £3,200, leaving Dr Smith a long way off her target of £10,000 by June.

Dr Pajic believes that higher education in Bosnia has a pivotal role to play — one that concerns more than the training of the next generation of doctors, lawyers and engineers.

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Varsity guide

FOUR departments were omitted from the rankings of individual subjects, which were published as part of the *Good University Guide* published on May 15.

Manchester University should have been joint seventh for computing and Birmingham University tenth in the music table.

The Institute of Earth Studies at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, would have made the top 20 for geography, geology or environmenal science but was not included in the separate categories.

Manchester University's "excellent" rating for geology teaching was published too late for inclusion in the tables. The department would have been joint fourth.

The commentary to the chemistry table omitted Imperial College, London, from the list of departments with a top rating for both teaching and research. The college was correctly placed fourth in the table.

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Safety fears cast cloud over American showpiece

Big names' boycott drives Indy 500 to crisis point

Oliver Holt reports from Brooklyn, Michigan, on the effects of a motor racing rival

It seems like a strange place for a battleground. The swathe of scruffy countryside that hides the hulk of the Michigan International Speedway is a bystander not a participant, a land where giant trucks rumble between the Great Lakes, where red paint peels off dilapidated barns. The clue is in the names of the towns. Waterloo is nearby, so is Bunkerhill. Napoleon is three miles away . . . and the army is coming.

They began arriving here yesterday. All the biggest names in IndyCar racing pulled in off US12 and swept into the daunting oval track, the fastest speedway in the world. Al Unser Jr, Emerson Fittipaldi, Michael Andretti, Paul Tracy and Mark Blundell — they were all there. On Sunday, they will climb into their cars and begin the process of trying to destroy the most famous motor race in the world.

This year, they are boycotting the Indianapolis 500, traditionally the highlight, almost the *raison d'être*, of the IndyCar calendar, to race here in the inaugural US500. In the process, they have turned the Indy 500 into Wimbledon without Agassi, Sampras and Muster, an event without its leading players.

More than that, their absence has led to fears that the novices who have been rushed in as their replacements will be overwhelmed by the speeds reached on the 2.5-mile banked oval. The pessimists are preparing for a gory procession of crashes.

The struggle for the heart and soul of single-seater racing in America, personified in rival races this weekend, is essentially a squabble between Tony George, the president of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and IndyCar's most powerful team owners. At the end of last season, George established the breakaway Indy Racing League (IRL), using the presence of the Indianapolis 500 in its calendar as its sole selling point, hoping to coax away teams from the familiar Championship Auto Racing Teams (Cart) organisation that runs IndyCar.

Few were seduced, so, at the start of the year, George resorted to the ultimate sanction and ruled that the first 25 places on the grid for the Indy 500 would be reserved for cars racing in the IRL. At that point, the big guns in the IndyCar series decided that enough was enough and announced plans for the US500 to be staged on the same weekend. Most thought that it was brinksmanship on both sides and that compromise would be reached, but no solution has been found.

George has used the IRL to trumpet the cause of young American racers who could not find a place in IndyCar, but Andrew Craig, the chief executive of Cart, who had to fight off an injunction trying to stop the organisation using the name IndyCars, claims that George's motives lie elsewhere.

"Seventeen years ago," he said, "team owners decided that the way IndyCars was being run by the US Auto Club, which was an extension of Indianapolis, could be improved upon. It was mediocre and badly regulated. It was going nowhere fast. They transformed it into what IndyCar has become today. Now the Speedway would like that back. They feel it was stolen from them. They would like it back, but we are not particularly interested in that."

So, on Sunday, two hours before 98,000 spectators watch the cream of IndyCar racers begin their 200-lap spectacular here, the biggest crowd for any single-day event anywhere in the world, more than 350,000 people, will converge on Indianapolis to hear the famous command, "Gentlemen, start your engines", and settle down to watch a field of largely unknown drivers compete for the most prestigious title in motor racing. More than half the field, 17 out of the 33 starters, have never raced at Indianapolis before and the difference between the fastest and slowest lap times is more than twice that of previous years, another statistic that is causing alarm and trepidation.

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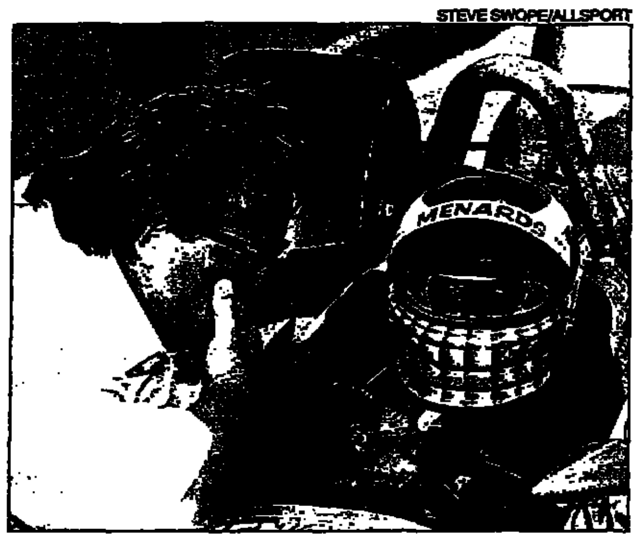

Brayton, right, consults Larry Curry of his Menards team during his ill-fated preparations at Indianapolis

The race, won last year by Jacques Villeneuve, who will be a spectator at the rival US500 on Sunday, was dealt a severe blow a week ago when Scott Brayton, one of the only experienced drivers in the event and the man who was on pole position, was killed during practice. His right rear tyre burst and catapulted his Lola Buick into the concrete wall at more than 230mph.

George's tribute was interpreted in some quarters as, unwittingly or not, an advertising speech. "Scott Brayton died doing what he loved best," George said. "Going fast at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway."

Brayton's funeral, led by a Speedway pace car and waved along by chequered flags, took place on Wednesday, in Coldwater, Michigan.

There have been other accidents, too. Billy Boat suffered a dislocated shoulder in a crash last week and Dan Drinan, a midget car driver, broke his left foot and hip and suffered concussion while he was trying to qualify in an outdated car. Brad Murphey, another rookie, who has not driven competitively for five years, caused another qualifying alarm when he absent-mindedly drifted perilously close to a car driven by Billy Stewart travelling at 236mph.

Worst of all, perhaps, is the news that Brayton's place has been taken by Danny Ongais, from Hawaii, a 54-year-old who has not raced in an IndyCar for nine years. For those seeking any more bad omens, one is hidden in Tony George's past. Elmer, his father, crashed on the parade lap while he waved to the crowd before his first Indianapolis 500.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Gifford in control of the high-spirited O'Leary in their dressage test yesterday

History defied by Johnston

By Jenny MacArthur

AVRIL JOHNSTON, on the aptly-named Independent Archie, held a slender 0.8pt lead over Pippa Funnell, the defending champion, on Rainbow Magic, at the end of a windy, rain-swept first day of dressage at the Windsor International Horse Trials yesterday.

Daisy Dick, the daughter of Dave Dick, the 1956 Grand National winner, was in third place on For The Crack — much to her surprise. "He must look a lot better then he feels," she said. Other good tests came from Jemima Johnson, on Canadian Gold, her stylish ex-racehorse, and Emma Douglas-Miller, on Red Baron III, who were in joint fourth place.

Johnston's flowing test on Independent Archie belied the turbulent history of the nine-year-old gelding. "He was going to get the bullet as a young horse because no one could break him in," she said. Impressed by the way that he regularly escaped from his field over a brick wall, Johnston persuaded Caroline Dunnett to buy him. He is still difficult and allows only Johnston and Dunnett into his stable.

Funnell, who might have retained her lead had Rainbow Magic not broken in the extended trot, was nevertheless delighted with his performance. One of four talented seven-year-olds in her Surrey yard, Rainbow Magic was bought two years ago from Peter Charles, the European showjumping champion.

Recent cross-country training from Mark Phillips has also boosted her morale. She plans to take all the quick routes on the course tomorrow. Dick was keeping her plans flexible. For The Crack spent two years as a hunting hireling in Ireland and, as a result, is almost too careful in the country.

With several international riders close behind them — including Matt Ryan, the Olympic champion from Australia, on *Kibah Sandstone*, and Kristina Gifford, an Olympic shortlisted rider for Great Britain, on O'Leary — the leaders cannot afford mistakes tomorrow. Gifford, who was up at 6.30am to make sure that the high-spirited O'Leary was well worked in for his dressage, is likely to move up from eighth tomorrow.

Wigan's imports tackle Bath at their own game

By Christopher Irvine

VA'AIGA TUIGAMALA, dubbed "Inga the winger" in his erstwhile New Zealand rugby union days, will become Inga the flanker at Twickenham tomorrow. The former All Black is part of an all-international union back row for Wigan, alongside Scott Quinnell, once of Wales, and Shem Tatupu, of Western Samoa, in the return cross-code match against Bath, under union rules.

Wigan can call upon some formidable union experience, but that does not detract from the struggle expected, especially in the set pieces. They toyed with the idea of putting Tuigamala in the front row. Rather than ballast, however, his penetrating strength was seen as better for making quick inroads and tackling around the fringes.

Farrell and Haughton, for no reason other than height, are the lineout jumpers chosen to oppose Redman and Haag. The front row is Wigan's usual one of O'Connor, Hall and Cowie — whose knowledge of union comprises a handful of training sessions.

Wigan must rely on Bath mistakes, rather than on their ball-winning capacity, to launch a running game, and will have to do so without Shaun Edwards, their captain and scrum half. He has bruised ribs and Craig Murdock steps in at half back alongside Joe Lydon, press-ganged out of retirement after 18 months, mainly for his tactical kicking. Where Wigan have the potential beating of Bath is a threequarter line of Robinson, Connolly, Paul and Offiah.

WIGAN: K Radlinski, J Robinson, H Paul, G Connolly, M Offiah; J Lydon, C Murdock; T O'Connor, M Hall, N Cowie, S Tatupu, A Farrell, S Haughton, V Tuigamala, S Quinnell.

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Hartington stokes fires of reform

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

JULIAN HERBERT

Lord Hartington enjoys a day at Goodwood as he nears the end of his chairmanship of the British Horseracing Board

ONE of the most remarkable chapters in British racing this century draws to a close next month. Peregrine Andrew Morny Cavendish Hartington — known to one and all as "Stoker" — steps down from the helm of a sport which has been transformed by his leadership over the past seven years.

For once, the superlatives are not misplaced. The name of Hartington will rank alongside those of Rous and Bentinck as one of the great reformers of the Turf. In some ways his achievements dwarf those of his 19th Century predecessors: while they enjoyed absolute power, he has had to rely on reasoned argument, trust and bundles of natural charm.

Shortly after becoming senior steward of the Jockey Club in 1989, he realised that the self-elected oligarchy which had run the sport for more than two centuries would no longer suffice in a world where democracy, accountability and fair representation mattered. Perhaps it was just coincidence that another leader, faced with an equally ancient regime, was thinking along similar lines. His name was Mikhail Gorbachev. Both men, products of the old order, set about bringing in the new.

Hartington was helped by a Commons select committee inquiry which examined the management of racing and found it wanting. Armed with their conclusions, he persuaded the Jockey Club and those outside that the creation of a new representative body to run racing was crucial to the sport's future. The British Horseracing Board (BHB) was born during the summer of 1993 and, after serving as its first chairman for three years, he will step down on June 6.

"What was a bit daunting at the beginning was to see whether this completely new thing was going to work and, of course, it is much too early to say. From the internal point of view, so far so good, it has worked well. The relationship with the Jockey Club is good and all the changeovers, like the handicappers moving to the BHB, have gone smoothly.

"The outside will take a lot longer because it is still unproven. The perception of success depends on whether the industry thinks the BHB is working. If the industry accepts decisions which go against a particular bit of it — such as racecourses or owners — then it is working. And that, so far, has more or less worked.

"It will probably get more difficult, certainly if the betting trends go downwards. That would lead to real pressure. Money papers over a lot of cracks and, if there is less money, the cracks get wider a bit quicker.

"The BHB's main achievement is that between us we have managed to be heard in Westminster. That was probably the biggest challenge. Whilst we don't always get everything we want, we have had three lots of tax changes, incuding VAT, Sunday racing and significant deregulation."

Perhaps the hardest task facing his successor, Lord Wakeham, is preventing racing from indulging in another bout of blood-letting as pressure grows for increased prize-money, gaining control of the Tote and the spending functions of the Levy Board. The threat of internal feuding is never far away.

Hartington knows the dangers, but he stresses the positive. "The latest bee in my bonnet is lack of communication. I think the real mistake the Jockey Club made was that it didn't tell anybody what it was doing and, therefore, people assumed it was not doing anything. Of course, it was, but without telling anyone, people were not aware of it. And that is a still a problem for the BHB and the Jockey Club. If we fail to bring the industry with us it will be a failure of communication."

As an owner and breeder — he has more than 20 horses in training with Luca Cumani, John Gosden, David Morley, Henrietta Knight and owns Side Hill Stud — he is acutely aware of how British prize-money still lags well behind countries such as France. "The BHB will have to continue to explain and to perform. It is not just good enough saying we are doing our best. We have to show pople what we are doing.

"Similarly, if we don't understand what the problems of bookmakers are, we will make mistakes. Even if we don't agree with them, we have to understand their difficulties and lately I think all on the BHB absolutely accept the off-course bookmakers have been having a very difficult time.

"Sometimes in the racing industry there is a perception that all bookmakers are multimillionaires. That may have been the case 15 years ago, but it certainly isn't the case now. There is no point anybody thinking they have got loads of money which they can give away to us, because that is not real life."

In the space of seven years, Hartington's ability to lead and inspire has saved racing from itself and given the sport a chance to flourish as the new century beckons. Whether the BHB will be able to take advantage without the man whose vision brought it all about remains to be seen, but he has some advice for his colleagues on the board.

"Keep listening, because that is what we all have to do. Talking is fine, but you have to listen as well. It is very important racing should go on being fun — because it is nothing otherwise."

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PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

6.45 Break The Rules. 7.10 Maradata. 7.35 Alpine Time. 8.05 **DANCING IMAGE** (nap). 8.35 Hotspur Street. 9.05 Mutadarra.

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6.45 FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN RACING COLLEGE CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,126: 1m 4yd) (9 runners)

1	/55-	OPTIONS OPEN 328 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-5	K Fallon 3
2	0-40	BREAK THE RULES 24 (C,D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-1	K Darley 9
3	130-	RAASED 350 (G) F Watson 4-8-13	J Fortune 1
4	25-	STONE CROSS 399 R Fisher 4-8-11	N Connorton 7
5	45-0	NAUGHTY PISTOL 11 (F,G) P Evans 4-8-8	T Ives 2
6	0400	MILL DANCER 29 (D,F,S) E Alston 4-8-6	S D Williams 6
7	000-	ROYAL COMEDIAN 81J (F,G) B Murray 7-8-6	T Williams 8
8	0040	BATTLE COLOURS 22 (D,F,G) E Incisa 7-8-5	Kim Tinkler 4
9	-003	BRAMBLES WAY 14 (V) W Barker 7-8-5	Martin Dwyer (5) 5

2-1 Options Open, 11-4 Raased, 7-2 Stone Cross, 5-1 Break The Rules, 7-1 Brambles Way, 14-1 Mill Dancer, 25-1 Naughty Pistol, 33-1 others.

7.10 TOTE HANDICAP
SKY

(£3,316: 1m 2f 6yd) (14)

1	0000	SUVALU 14 (G) M Meagher 4-10-0	J Fortune 5
2	4010	CALDER KING 15 (V,C,F,S) J Eyre 5-9-12	R Lappin 4
3	3-12	DARLING CLOVER 13 (D,BF,F) D Morley 4-9-10	M Fenton 14
4	30-0	SUPER HIGH 23 (G) P Howling 4-9-9	R Cochrane 2
5	505-	ESSAYEFFSEE 306 (CD,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-5	K Darley 9
6	3403	HANBITOOH 13 (B) E Dunlop 3-9-2	W Carson 3
7	4432	MARADATA 17 (G) R Hollinshead 4-9-0	L Dettori 12
8	-565	AMBIDEXTROUS 15 (V) E Alston 4-8-13	S D Williams 7
9	-111	HAWKSLEY HILL 11 (D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-9 (5ex)	K Fallon 8
10	4-00	ALZOTIC 17 J Norton 3-7-13	J Fanning 6
11	-223	PERSONIMUS 11 J Wilson 6-7-13	P Fessey (5) 13
12	0005	GLENVALLY 14 (V,G) B Murray 5-7-12	T Williams 11
13	0242	GOLD DESIRE 4 (D,G,S) M Brittain 6-7-10	G Bardwell 1
14	40-0	BARDIA 11 (D,F) E Incisa 6-7-10	Kim Tinkler 10

4-1 Darling Clover, 9-2 Hawksley Hill, 6-1 Hanbitooh, 13-2 Maradata, 7-1 Essayeffsee, 8-1 Calder King, Gold Desire, 10-1 others

7.35 NORTHERN RACING COLLEGE CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,994: 6f) (7)
SKY

1	314	EXIT TO RIO 9 (V,S) Mrs J Ramsden 9-1	K Fallon 3
2	11	IECHYD-DA 50 (S) M Bell 9-1	M Fenton 1
3	21	RECONDITE 14 (F) M Channon 9-1	K Darley 7
4	221	RUDE AWAKENING 25 (C,F) G Lewis 9-1	Paul Eddery 5
5	4126	FOOT BATTALION 9 (C,G) R Hollinshead 8-13	T Ives 2
6	13	MARATHON MAID 9 (G) R Fahey 8-10	A Culhane 4
7	1	ALPINE TIME 14 (F) D Loder 8-8	L Dettori 6

3-1 Alpine Time, 9-2 Iechyd-Da, Rude Awakening, 5-1 Marathon Maid, 6-1 Foot Battalion, Exit To Rio, 8-1 Recondite

8.05 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP
SKY

(3-Y-O: £4,557: 1m 4yd) (9)

1	02-1	SAMARA 24 (D,F) J Dunlop 9-7	Pat Eddery 1
2	343	VICTORY BOUND 17 M Johnston 9-3	J Weaver 9
3	06-0	PHILISTAR 8 J Eustace 9-2	R Cochrane 4
4	036-	KINGFISHER BRAVE 246 (G) M Meagher 9-0	J Fortune 5
5	560	ABSOLUTE UTOPIA 24 E Dunlop 8-12	W Carson 7
6	00-0	FERVENT FAN 18 (F) M Bell 8-12	M Fenton 6
7	0412	SMARTER CHARTER 6 (BF,F) Mrs J Ramsden 8-8	K Fallon 8
8	65-2	DANCING IMAGE 6 I Balding 8-7	K Darley 2
9	600	GOOL LEE SHAY 17 R Whitaker 8-4	Dale Gibson 3

3-1 Samara, 7-2 Victory Bound, 4-1 Smarter Charter, 9-2 Dancing Image, 6-1 Philistar, 10-1 Absolute Utopia, 12-1 Gool Lee Shay, 14-1 others

8.35 MICK McCOY MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,425: 1m 4f 8yd) (16)
SKY

1	004-	SOBA UP 204 (D,F,S) T Etherington 6-9-13	A Culhane 4
2	0046	TULU 17 (G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-13	M Deering 12
3	/54-	REDSTELLA 343 (S) R Whitaker 7-9-11	P Fredericks (7) 9
4	5124	LORD HASTIE 10 (D,F,G,S) C Thornton 8-9-11	D Pears (3) 1
5	/30-	REIMEI 202 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 7-9-11	S Sanders 2
6	/00-	WELSH MILL 30J (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-8	K Darley 16
7	-304	ADMIRALS SECRET 30 (CD,BF,F,G) C Wall 7-9-7	W Lord 13
8	6-60	SLAPY DAM 27 (D,G,S) J Mackie 4-9-5	P Fessey (5) 5
9	1353	BACKVIEW 13 (D,G) B Llewellyn 4-9-4	T Williams 6
10	-306	HOTSPUR STREET 13 M W Easterby 4-9-3	G Parkin (5) 3
11	500-	JUNIOR BEN 241 P Howling 4-8-13	R Cochrane 7
12	04-0	HONG KONG DESIGNER 100 Miss J Craze 4-8-6	N Connorton 10
13	0431	STRATEGIC PLOY 3 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-5 (5ex)	K Fallon 11
14	0-00	FOUR LANE FLYER 34 E Alston 4-7-13	J Fanning 8
15	0255	CARLTON EXPRESS 11 (D,G) J Eyre 6-7-13	D Wright (3) 14
16	834-	SHARP SENSATION 1973 (G) W Barker 6-7-10	J Bramhill (7) 15

4-1 Strategic Ploy, 9-2 Lord Hastie, 5-1 Admirals Secret, 6-1 Backview, 7-1 Reimei, 8-1 Soba Up, 10-1 Carlton Express, 14-1 others

9.05 RACING AND THOROUGHBRED BREEDING TRAINING BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (£3,729: 6f) (13)

1	0-0	GOLDRILL 14 Miss S Hall 9-0	N Connorton 11
2	665	LOOK WHO'S CALLING 18 B McMahon 9-0	S Sanders 12
3	2-23	MUTADARRA 20 R Armstrong 9-0	W Carson 13
4	0-	PRESENT 'N CORRECT 226 C Booth 9-0	M Birch 2
5	0-06	STONEY END 6 M Channon 9-0	K Darley 7
6	23-0	WEE HOPE 29 M Stoute 9-0	D McKeown 8
7	00	AMELIAJILL 14 J O'Shea 8-9	J Fanning 10
8		CLANCASSIE E Alston 8-9	S D Williams 9
9	00	DESERT SKIMMER 21 M Bell 8-9	M Fenton 4
10	0	IN THE HIGHLANDS 18 D Cosgrove 8-9	M Nutter (7) 3
11		OLD ROMA John Berry 8-9	K Fallon 6
12		PETARINA Miss J Craze 8-9	R Cochrane 5
13	00	ROCKY STREAM 20 R Whitaker 8-9	A Culhane 1

7-4 Wee Hope, 5-2 Mutadarra, 4-1 Stoney End, 5-1 Look Who's Calling, 12-1 Clancassie, 14-1 Old Roma, 20-1 Desert Skimmer, 25-1 others.

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Carl Evans: 8.20 Hermes Harvest.

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6.20 FREESTONE HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,218: 3m 1f) (8 runners)

1	R065	THE WIDGET MAN 83 (F,G,S) J Gifford 10-12-0	P Hide
2	31-P	GILSTON LASS 18 (D,F,G) J King 9-11-9	J R Kavanagh
3	P1P2	HILLWALK 18 (C,F,G,S) R Curtis 10-11-8	D Morris
4	P462	POLAR REGION 11 (F,G,S) N Henderson 10-11-4	Mr C Vigors (5)
5	5455	WINNIE LORRAINE 17 (D,F,G,S) R Alner 11-11-3	C Llewellyn
6	-FPP	ABBOTSHAM 21 (F,G,S) O Carter 11-11-2	A Thornton
7	5422	FATHER DOWLING 13 (V,BF,G) G Balding 9-10-6	A P McCoy
8	5542	WOODLANDS GENHIRE 8 (V,CD,F) P Pritchard 11-10-0	R Davis

9-4 Polar Region, 5-2 Hillwalk, 5-1 Father Dowling, 6-1 Woodlands Genhire, 9-1 Winnie Lorraine, 10-1 Gilston Lass, 12-1 others

6.50 WAYSIDE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,548: 2m) (11)

1	10	ANTONIO MARIANO 9 (F) J Gifford 5-11-7	P Hide
2	P00U	CLASSIC IMAGE 28 (D,G) H Manners 6-11-7	A Dowling (7)
3	0501	GARNWIN 8 (D,F) N Henderson 6-11-7	J R Kavanagh
4	/01	SWING LUCKY 18 (CD,F) A Blackmore 11-11-7	D Skyrme
5	P0-1	BLUCANOO 11 (CD,F) D Nicholson 6-11-2	R Johnson
6	4126	LA MENORQUINA 91 (D,G) D Marks 6-11-2	J A McCarthy
7	0-55	DREAM START 133 Mrs S Smith 6-11-0	R Guest
8	602	ORCHARD KING 11 O Brennan 6-11-0	M Brennan
9	0/0	TRINA'S COTTAGE 260 J Upson 7-11-0	R Supple
10	3	BORN TO PLEASE 16 (B) P Hobbs 4-10-9	A P McCoy
11	0240	COME ON PENNY 9 (F) D Gandolfo 5-10-9	C Llewellyn

5-2 Garnwin, 4-1 Antonio Mariano, 9-2 Blucanoo, 11-2 Orchard King, 6-1 La Menorquina, 8-1 Born To Please, 12-1 Trina's Cottage, 16-1 others

7.20 JULIAN BELFRAGE MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,504: 2m 110yd) (6)
SKY

1	-322	I HAVE HIM 9 (D,BF,F,G) N Chance 9-11-10	B Powell
2	10U1	ARMALA 10 (F,G,S) J Gifford 11-11-4 (7ex)	L Aspell (5)
3	2212	SARTORIUS 18 (V,CD,BF,F,G,S) T Thomson Jones 10-11-2	A P McCoy
4	B042	DR ROCKET 8 (CD,F,G,S) R Dickin 11-10-6	Mr J Culloty (3)
5	2231	MONKS JAY 18 (CD,F,G) G Thorner 7-10-4	I Lawrence
6	-P31	TRUSS 11 (CD,F,G) J Upson 9-10-0 (7ex)	R Supple

3-1 Armala, 4-1 I Have Him, Monks Jay, 9-2 Sartorius, 5-1 Dr Rocket, Truss

7.50 BROADWAYS STAMPINGS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,173: 2m 6f) (12)
SKY

1	5114	CHARGED 205 (BF,F,G) P Hobbs 7-11-11	A P McCoy
2	2152	DRUMCULLEN 18 (C,F) K Bailey 7-11-2	W McFarland
3	P5PP	TAUREAN TYCOON 18 (F,G,S) D Williams 12-11-0	A Thornton
4	0UP5	AND WHY NOT 11 Mrs S Smith 8-10-11	Mr P Murray (7)
5	3042	MANOR RHYME 16 J McConnochie 9-10-5	S McNeill
6	6P5P	WELSH COTTAGE 31 J Gifford 9-10-3	P Hide
7	424U	TENBIT 11 (F) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-1	C Llewellyn
8	PF23	FUNCHEON GALE 34 R Curtis 9-10-1	D Morris
9	-PFP	PRECIS 16 (S) O Carter 8-10-0	R Davis
10	D-U4	FURL 18 Mrs D Haine 7-10-0	B Fenton (3)
11	22PP	HIZAL 8 (F) H Manners 7-10-0	A Dowling (7)
12	02R5	LO-FLYING MISSILE 24 R Dickin 8-10-0	Mr J Culloty (3)

11-4 Manor Rhyme, 3-1 Charged, 7-2 Drumcullen, 5-1 Funcheon Gale, 8-1 And Why Not, 12-1 Lo-Flying Missile, 14-1 Tenbit, 16-1 others

8.20 WAYSIDE HUNTERS CHASE
SKY

(Amateurs: £1,732: 3m 1f) (13)

1	2222	ARCTIC BARON 6P (B,F) Miss M Raymond 11-12-7	Miss S Vickery (7)
2	-411	BEAU DANDY 11 (C,F,G,S) Miss C Saunders 9-12-7	T Marks (7)
3	10FP	CLARE MAN 37 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 8-12-7	M Rimell (5)
4	3-3P	DUBIT 78 (F,S) R Winslade 11-12-7	Miss S Vickery (7)
5	-UU4	FOX POINTER 7 (F,S) Mrs L Evans 11-12-7	R Thornton (7)
6	55UU	FURRY KNOWE 34P (F,G) D Pritchard 11-12-7	D Pritchard (7)
7	3F12	HERMES HARVEST 37 (CD,F,G) D Williams 8-12-7	C Bonner (3)
8	4236	KNOCKUMSHIN 11 (D,F,G,S) S Smith 13-12-7	J Culloty (3)
9	2UP4	PAT ALASKA 8 (F,S) Miss C Wales 13-12-7	Miss C Wales (7)
10	1412	TOUCH OF WINTER 18P (F,G) J Porter 10-12-7	T Lacey (7)
11	P/PG	BABIL 7 (F,G,S) Mrs C Hicks 11-12-3	R Hicks (7)
12	FP/4	EPILENY 27P (F) Miss P Whittle 12-12-3	G Barfoot-Saunt (7)
13	4054	ICKY'S FIVE 5P (B,F,G) Miss T Habgood 12-12-3	R Lawther (7)

2-1 Hermes Harvest, 11-2 Touch Of Winter, 6-1 Beau Dandy, 7-1 Clare Man, 8-1 Knockumshin, 9-1 Furry Knowe, 10-1 Dubit, 12-1 others

8.50 GOWLING CARPETS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,952: 2m) (9)
SKY

1	1620	BURES 27 (V,D,BF,F,G) M Tompkins 5-12-0	P Maher (7)
2	32-0	EID 13 (F,G) Mrs S Smith 7-11-10	R Guest
3	4231	MARIUS 41 (S) J Gifford 6-11-3	P Hide
4	3120	JOSIFINA 34 (D,F,S) M McCormack 5-10-11	A Thornton
5	U544	CORRARDER 18 (F,G) J Old 12-10-10	Mr J Smyth-Osbourne
6	F513	NO LIGHT 128 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs I McKie 9-10-10	L Harvey
7	3113	HAWTHORNE GLEN 52 (CD,F,S) Mrs M Long 9-10-8	B Fenton (3)
8	-052	MR GENEAOLOGY 13 (D,F,G,S) T McGovern 6-10-0	A P McCoy
9	0002	BARNEY'S GIFT 13 (D,F,S) O Brennan 8-10-0	M Brennan

3-1 Marius, 5-1 Josifina, Hawthorne Glen, 6-1 Mr Geneaology, 13-2 Bures, 7-1 No Light, Barney's Gift, 8-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

HAYDOCK PARK: Trainers: H Cecil, 19 winners from 54 runners, 35.2%; P Chapple-Hyam, 7 from 25, 28.0%; J Dunlop, 24 from 97, 24.7%; H Candy, 3 from 13, 23.1%; G Wragg, 3 from 17, 17.6%; P Cole, 9 from 57, 15.8%. Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 17 winners from 56 rides, 30.4%; M Hills, 16 from 76, 21.1%; W Carson, 11 from 61, 18.0%; Paul Eddery, 12 from 69, 17.4%; R Cochrane, 4 from 26, 15.4%; L Dettori, 19 from 130, 14.6%.

PONTEFRACT: Trainers: M Stoute, 10 winners from 32 runners, 31.3%; G Lewis, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J Dunlop, 8 from 37, 21.6%; Mrs J Ramsden, 27 from 137, 19.7%; Mrs M Reveley, 21 from 119, 17.6%; I Balding, 9 from 51, 17.6%. Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30%; L Dettori, 25 from 109, 22.9%; K Fallon, 33 from 157, 21%; W Carson, 5 from 26, 19.2%; J Quinn, 11 from 89, 12.4%; R Cochrane, 8 from 72, 11.1%

TOWCESTER: Trainers: Miss C Saunders, 14 winners from 22 runners, 63.6%; D Nicholson, 20 from 60, 33.3%; Mrs I McKie, 15 from 59, 25.4%; O Brennan, 26 from 120, 21.7%; T Thomson Jones, 6 from 30, 20.0%. Jockeys: Mr J Culloty, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; R Johnson, 4 from 21, 19%; P Hide, 6 from 40, 15%; L Harvey, 15 from 108, 13.9%; A P McCoy, 4 from 29, 13.8%

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.20 Comedy River. 2.50 Cretan Gift. 3.20 Seva. 3.50 Desert Spring. 4.20 Macmorris. 4.50 Broughton's Pride.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.20 SCOTTISH PARK.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.20 Seva. 4.20 ELA-YIE-MOU (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 ARNOLD SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,070: 1m 1f 213yd) (23 runners)

1	(11)	00-0	MAUNDON 11 (V) W Clay 5-10-0	T Sprake	–
2	(2)	00/3	HANG A RIGHT 15 (F,G) C Dwyer 9-9-10	C Dwyer	80
3	(19)	1-00	SHE SAID NO 50 (D,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-10	Aimee Cook (7)	86
4	(22)	-000	QUEENS STROLLER 55 (G) T Wall 5-9-8	R Lappin	82
5	(15)	5-50	SPITFIRE BRIDGE 37 (D,F,G) M McCormack 4-9-7	R Hughes	90
6	(13)	-500	TONY'S MIST 25 (C,G,S) J Bradley 6-9-4	M Henry (5)	85
7	(20)	0-00	PRIM LASS 7 Miss J Bower 5-9-4	G Duffield	–
8	(17)	6031	AWESOME POWER 56 (D,G) J Hills 10-9-4	A Clark	93
9	(4)	230-	MARCHMAN 312 (D,F) J King 11-9-3	T Quinn	85
10	(5)	004-	DIAMOND CROWN 223 (CD,F) M Wane 5-9-2	K Fallon	86
11	(6)	-000	BOBANLYN 22 (D,F,G,S) J Wainwright 4-9-2	T Ives	90
12	(8)	5-25	MY HANDSOME PRINCE 18 (V) P Bevan 4-9-0	K Carlisle	87
13	(9)	-003	COMEDY RIVER 14 (D,G) N Berry 9-9-0	A Eddery (7)	84
14	(10)	0600	MAZILLA 11 (V,G) A Streeter 4-9-0	R Havlin (5)	93
15	(12)	1060	MEZZORAMIO 18 (V,G) K Morgan 4-8-12	C Scudder (7)	92
16	(15)	0606	SPEEDY SNAPS PRIDE 38 P Cundell 4-8-11	J Quinn	88
17	(21)	00-	SPICE AND SUGAR 377 (F,S) B Cambidge 6-8-11	A Procter	–
19	(7)	3043	SCOTTISH PARK 5 (B,D,F,G,S) J L Harris 7-8-11	P McCabe (3)	●
19	(14)	2600	NO SUBMISSION 6 (D,G,S) D Chapman 10-8-10	S D Williams	89
20	(3)	05-0	BATTERY BOY 25 (B) W Elsey 4-8-8	D Harrison	87
21	(16)	0600	HUNZA STORY 27 (D,F) N Littmoden 4-8-8	T G McLaughlin	88
22	(1)	/00-	IRREPRESSIBLE 227 R Hodges 5-8-7	Amanda Sanders (5)	–
23	(23)	0-00	BEGGER'S OPERA 17 Pat Mitchell 4-8-7	G Bardwell	–

6-1 Awesome Power, 10-1 Scottish Park, Comedy River, 12-1 Bobanlyn, 14-1 Spitfire Bridge, 16-1 Marchman, 20-1 others.

2.50 RADCLIFFE LIMITED STAKES
(£2,381: 6f 15yd) (18)

1	(6)	0162	CRETAN GIFT 18 (B,D,G) N Littmoden 5-9-7	T G McLaughlin	90
2	(8)	3126	HANNAH'S USHER 18 (D,F,G) C Murray 4-9-7	G Faulkner (7)	89
3	(17)	0302	BARATO 14 (V,D,BF,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-4	K Fallon	93
4	(16)	320-	HICKORY BLUE 200 (B,F) K Morgan 6-9-4	C Scudder (7)	87
5	(3)	000-	IMPULSIVE AIR 225 (V,G) E Weymes 4-9-4	T Ives	●
6	(5)	-200	MOUJEEB 13 (V,D,G) Pat Mitchell 6-9-4	J Quinn	88
7	(2)	3400	PETRACO 4 (D,F,G,S) N Smith 8-9-4	S D Williams	87
8	(10)	0560	SAMSOLOM 6 (D,F,G) P Howling 8-9-4	B Thomson	89
9	(14)	60-4	SING UP 22 M McCormack 4-9-4	R Hughes	75
10	(4)	5004	WILD PALM 7 (B,C,S) W G Gorman 4-9-4	Emma O'Gorman	94
11	(15)	0030	MERRIE LE BOW 15 Pat Mitchell 4-9-1	Amanda Sanders (5)	74
12	(11)	1-61	KINGS HARMONY 32 (D,F,G) P Makin 3-8-12	T Quinn	87
13	(1)	0-05	RIFFI 11 R Ingram 3-8-9	P McCabe (3)	86
14	(18)	-140	TYMEERA 24 (CD,F,G) B Palling 3-8-9	T Sprake	87
15	(12)	0-05	DARING VENTURE 31 T Naughton 3-8-6	T Ashley (7)	80
16	(9)	300-	DEERLY 211 (D,G) D Morris 3-8-6	M Henry (5)	89
17	(13)	65-4	FARAWAY LASS 24 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-6	D Harrison	94
18	(7)	-605	PRINCESS ERSIO 15 B McMahon 3-8-6	G Duffield	83

9-2 Faraway Lass, 5-1 Barato, 7-1 Cretan Gift, 8-1 Wild Palm, 10-1 Kings Harmony, 12-1 Riffi, Samsolom, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Babbage, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%; M Wane, 3 from 12, 25.0%; I Balding, 5 from 21, 23.8%; P Cole, 13 from 62, 21.0%; J Dunlop, 19 from 99, 19.2%; D Loder, 3 from 17, 17.6%

JOCKEYS: T Quinn, 15 winners from 93 rides, 16.1%; T Sprake, 8 from 52, 15.4%; R Hills, 11 from 73, 15.1%; D Harrison, 9 from 69, 13.0%; K Fallon, 9 from 84, 10.7%. Only qualifiers

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.10 Clara Bliss. 2.40 Soviet Bride. 3.10 Smilin N Wishin. 3.40 College Night. 4.10 Apollo Red. 4.40 Mystique Smile.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 Gentle Irony.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 VICTORIA GARDENS SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,070: 5f 213yd) (6 runners)

1	55	BUT WHY 24 C Murray 8-11	M Tebbutt 4
2	0	RONS REVENGE 11 M Ryan 8-11	D R McCabe (3) 2
3	66	CLARA BLISS 27 B Meehan 8-6	B Doyle 6
4	5552	DON'T FORGET SHOKA 13 J Moore 8-6	J F Egan 3
5	00	DOZEN ROSES 46 T Jones 8-6	A Whelan (3) 5
6	50	SUMMER RISOTTO 13 D ffrench Davis 8-6	S Whitworth 1

6-4 But Why, 7-4 Summer Risotto, 5-2 Don't Forget Shoka, 20-1 Rons Revenge, 25-1 Clara Bliss, 33-1 Dozen Roses

2.40 GRAND PARADE LIMITED STAKES
(£3,016: 1m 3f 196yd) (6)

1	4051	PRINCE DANZIG 15 (CD,F,G) D Murray Smith 5-9-12	Dane O'Neill (3) 5
2	130/	NADJATI 10J (B,D,G) D Gandolfo 7-9-8	J Reid 6
3	14-0	RISING DOUGH 38 (C,F) G L Moore 4-9-8	S Whitworth 3
4	0-23	SOVIET BRIDE 8 (C,F,G) S Dow 4-9-5	A Daly (5) 4
5	1	SEATTLE SAGA 108 (D,G) D Loder 3-8-7	D R McCabe (3) 1
6	36-3	ARCADY 24 P Walwyn 3-8-2	R Price 2

3-1 Arcady, 7-2 Prince Danzig, 4-1 Nadjati, 9-2 Rising Dough, Soviet Bride, 8-1 Seattle Saga

3.10 OLD STEINE MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,596: 1m 3f 196yd) (6)

1	033	CHOCOLATE ICE 7 C Cyzer 3-8-10	D R McCabe (3) 5
2	04	DESERT DUNES 19 N Graham 3-8-10	A McGlone 4
3	563	EWAR BOLD 15 C Brittain 3-8-10	B Doyle 1
4	6-	HAPPY TAIPAN 276 C Murray 3-8-10	M Tebbutt 2
5	00-	BELMARITA 209 M Tompkins 3-8-5	S Whitworth 3
6	2-35	SMILIN N WISHIN 16 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-5	J Reid 6

2-1 Smilin N Wishin, 3-1 Chocolate Ice, 7-2 Ewar Bold, 4-1 Desert Dunes, 7-1 Happy Taipan, 33-1 Belmarita

3.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,363: 6f 15yd) (6)

1	(2)		APRIL JACKSON P Dalton 8-11	S D Williams	–
2	(4)	43	DANEHILL PRINCESS 15 (BF) R Hollinshead 8-11	K Fallon	●
3	(6)	55	EMILYJILL 14 J O'Shea 8-11	J Quinn	90
4	(5)		FERNANDA J Dunlop 8-11	T Sprake	–
5	(1)		HAKKANIYAH D Morley 8-11	R Hills	–
6	(3)		SEVA D Loder 8-11	R Hughes	–

6-4 Seva, 2-1 Fernanda, 4-1 Danehill Princess, 6-1 Hakkaniyah, 10-1 Emilyjill, 16-1 April Jackson.

3.50 OPTION CLAIM LEGAL EXPENSE PROTECTION HANDICAP (£3,889: 1m 1f 213yd) (15)

1	(5)	50-6	DESERT SPRING 18 P Harris 4-10-0	M Henry (5)	90
2	(3)	125-	VOILA PREMIERE 266 (F) M Tompkins 4-9-12	P Robinson	89
3	(4)	30-3	GEORGE BULL 25 W Hern 4-9-8	T Sprake	90
4	(10)	-104	SCOTTISH BAMBI 14 (D,F,G) P Webber 8-9-7	R Perham	95
5	(8)	000	SQUARED AWAY 17 J Payne 4-9-1	B Thomson	90
6	(15)	-600	CONIC HILL 21 (D,F) J Pearce 5-9-0	G Bardwell	87
7	(9)	0560	OUR TOM 60 (G) J Wharton 4-9-0	K Fallon	92
8	(12)	12-0	BELLATEENA 25 (CD,F) H Collingridge 4-8-11	J Quinn	90
9	(6)	63-3	MASTER M-E-N 17 (F) N Babbage 4-8-9	A Clark	94
10	(2)	3042	ZAHRAN 4 (F,G) J Bradley 5-7-13	N Carlisle	●
11	(13)	00-0	FRESH LOOK 31 (G) R Spicer 4-7-12	N Kennedy	98
12	(1)	-035	BRONZE MAQUETTE 14 (D,G) T Hind 6-7-10	M Baird (5)	91
13	(11)	0-06	GREY KINGDOM 14 M Brittain 5-7-10	Dale Gibson	89
14	(14)	0060	PARONOMASIA 4 (B) J L Harris 4-7-10	R Mullen (7)	80
15	(7)	0-06	ABSOLUTELYSTUNNING 11 Mrs B Waring 3-7-10	N Varley (3)	96

9-2 George Bull, 5-1 Voila Premiere, Scottish Bambi, 8-1 Master M-E-N, Zahran, 12-1 Bronze Maquette, 14-1 others

4.20 GEDLING HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,623: 1m 6f 15yd) (8)

1	(1)	0-21	SHOOTING LIGHT 15 (S) M Jarvis 9-7	P Bloomfield	94
2	(4)	5-03	ELA-YIE-MOU 17 (BF) L Cumani 9-1	R Hughes	96
3	(8)	0-10	MUHTADI 28 (G) J Dunlop 9-1	R Hills	93
4	(3)	-052	MACMORRIS 22 P Cole 8-12	T Quinn	93
5	(6)	3322	DANCING CAVALIER 46 (G) R Hollinshead 8-11	D Griffiths (5)	●
6	(2)	0-00	DOCTOR GREEN 27 (V) Lord Huntingdon 8-10	D Harrison	91
7	(5)	000	HARBET HOUSE 20 C Cyzer 8-0	G Duffield	96
8	(7)	0031	INFLUENCE PEDLER 18 (D,F) C Brittain 7-10	M Baird (5)	94

5-2 Ela-Yie-Mou, 7-2 Shooting Light, 4-1 Macmorris, 5-1 Dancing Cavalier, Influence Pedler, 8-1 Doctor Green, 10-1 others

4.50 COLWICK APPRENTICES MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,090: 1m 54yd) (20)

1	(6)	2245	BACKHANDER 27 M Wane 4-9-10	J Edmunds	●
2	(13)	-000	TARIAN 22 G Balding 4-9-9	R Gordon (10)	91
3	(17)	400-	HARVEST REAPER 167 J L Harris 4-9-8	T Field (5)	87
4	(18)	04-0	PRINCE ZIZIM 19 C Dwyer 3-9-6	F Tynan (10)	86
5	(16)	56-0	SOCIETY MAGIC 22 I Balding 3-9-6	C Scudder (8)	89
6	(19)	45-0	STRAIGHT THINKING 142 P Cole 3-9-2	David O'Neill (10)	89
7	(10)	0-60	BROUGHTON'S PRIDE 29 J Eyre 5-9-2	D Sweeney (3)	91
8	(4)	00-3	BAKHETA 7 Miss G Kelleway 4-9-0	G Faulkner	95
9	(7)	000-	EL DON 8J (B) M Ryan 4-8-13	A McCarthy (10)	83
10	(2)	400-	OSCAR ROSE 286 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-12	J Wilkinson (3)	92
11	(3)	0-00	JONA HOLLEY 22 I Balding 3-8-11	R Mullen (5)	92
12	(15)	-630	BAD NEWS 18 J Bradley 4-8-11	C Lowther (5)	93
13	(1)	3-00	NED'S CONTESSA 4 (B) M Dods 3-8-5	J Dennis	93
14	(14)	0000	OPENING RANGE 8 (B) N Berry 5-8-4	A Eddery	–
15	(20)	000-	SPA LANE 213 P Makin 3-8-4	T Ashley	–
16	(9)	0-00	RUSTIC SONG 42 J Wharton 3-8-2	R Ffrench (5)	96
17	(11)	-002	HADADABBLE 11 Pat Mitchell 3-8-0	J Moon (5)	90
18	(12)	/65-	MISS TOFFEE NOSE 459 D Cosgrove 4-7-13	J McAuley (7)	–
19	(8)	0-05	CLASSIC DAISY 30 R Spicer 3-7-11	J Bosley (7)	91
20	(5)	-000	VOICES IN THE SKY 18 A Newcombe 5-7-11	J Fowle (5)	–

4-1 Bakheta, 6-1 Hadadabble, 10-1 Ned's Contessa, Backhander, Society Magic, 12-1 Straight Thinking, Jona Holley, 16-1 others

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Brighton: 3.40 Last Spin, 4.40 Music Mistress. Haydock Park: 2.00 Joint Venture, 3.00 High Premium. Nottingham: 4.20 Doctor Green, 4.50 El Don, Ned's Contessa, Opening Range. Pontefract: 7.10 Hanbitooh, 7.35 Exit To Rio. Towcester: 6.50 Born To Please, 8.20 Icky's Five

3.40 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS MAY FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,098: 7f 214yd) (12)

1	10-0	SWEET PAVLOVA 13 (F) P Cole 4-10-0	DOUBTFUL 9
2	00-0	RUPIANA 11 (F) C Murray 4-9-4	M Tebbutt 11
3	1132	MY GALLERY 16 (G,S) A Bailey 5-9-3	D Wright (3) 7
4	0066	GENTLE IRONY 4 (D,F,G,S) M Ryan 4-9-3	B Doyle 12
5	30-0	MISS LAUGHTER 22 (CD,F) J Hills 4-8-13	J Reid 4
6	0223	COLLEGE NIGHT 15 (BF) C Dwyer 4-8-13	S Drowne (3) 8
7	0-26	AGAIN TOGETHER 22 G L Moore 3-8-10	S Whitworth 2
8	0-00	PIGEON HOLE 14 R Hannon 3-8-10	Dane O'Neill (3) 1
9	50-0	LAST SPIN 29 (B) J Jenkins 4-8-9	A Daly (5) 6
10	0000	TOTAL RACH 15 (B,D,F,G) R Ingram 4-8-9	D R McCabe (3) 10
11	6132	PEOPLE DIRECT 15 (D,G) K McAuliffe 3-8-8	J F Egan 3
12	5-52	EFFICACIOUS 31 C Benstead 3-7-12	A McGlone 5

4-1 College Night, 9-2 People Direct, 5-1 Gentle Irony, 11-2 Again Together, 6-1 My Gallery, 7-1 Pigeon Hole, 8-1 Efficacious, 10-1 others.

4.10 DOME HANDICAP (£3,098: 5f 213yd) (9)

1	30-0	DANCING HEART 13 (B,F,G) B Meehan 4-9-13	B Doyle 7
2	0010	AGWA 13 (CD,F,G) R O'Sullivan 7-9-12	J Reid 9
3	5500	ALWAYS GRACE 18 (D,F) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-0	W J O'Connor 5
4	0311	APOLLO RED 13 (CD,F,G,S) A Moore 7-9-0	Candy Morris 6
5	3-01	VAX NEW WAY 13 (B,D,G) J Spearing 3-8-13	S Drowne (3) 8
6	2240	SHARP IMP 13 (B,CD,F,G) R Flower 6-8-9	D Biggs 1
7	2400	LORD SKY 4 (D,F,G,S) A Bailey 5-8-9	Dane O'Neill (3) 3
8	1636	RANDOM 62 (D,G) C James 5-8-9	J F Egan 2
9	50-0	JOLIS PRESENT 22 (B,G) M Ryan 3-8-2	D R McCabe (3) 4

3-1 Apollo Red, 7-2 Vax New Way, 5-1 Agwa, 11-2 Dancing Heart, 13-2 Sharp Imp, 7-1 Random, 10-1 Jolis Present, 12-1 others

4.40 BRIGHTON CENTRE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,125: 5f 59yd) (8)

1	0406	BLUE SUEDE HOOFS 4 (B) B Meehan 9-7	B Doyle 7
2	-344	SOLO SYMPHONY 29 P Chapple-Hyam 9-2	J Reid 4
3	2131	LADY CAROLINE LAMB 38 (D,F,S) R Bastiman 9-2	D McKeown 5
4	34-0	INCATINKA 19 J Spearing 8-13	S Drowne (3) 3
5	-060	MIDNIGHT COOKIE 24 B Pearce 8-4	D R McCabe (3) 8
6	5240	DANCING JACK 14 (D,G) J Bridger 8-3	Darren Moffatt (3) 6
7	5040	MUSIC MISTRESS 6 (B,D,F) J Moore 8-1	J F Egan 1
8	00-0	MYSTIQUE SMILE 41 (D,F) S Williams 7-13	J Tate 2

7-4 Lady Caroline Lamb, 5-2 Solo Symphony, 11-4 Dancing Jack, 5-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Benstead, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%; D Loder, 3 from 9, 33.3%; P Chapple-Hyam, 3 from 12, 25.0%; D Murray-Smith, 3 from 13, 23.1%; R Flower, 5 from 22, 22.7%; B Meehan, 14 from 77, 18.2%.

JOCKEYS: A Daly, 4 winners from 27 rides, 14.8%; J Reid, 20 from 138, 14.5%; B Doyle, 11 from 81, 13.6%; Dane O'Neill, 4 from 36, 11.1%; S Whitworth, 9 from 86, 10.5%; A Whelan, 4 from 38, 10.5%

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Future Prospect
2.30 Maiteamia
3.00 Tatika
3.30 Benatom
4.00 Suave Star
4.30 Ninotchka
5.00 Takkatamm

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 PARKSIDE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,241: 5f) (12 runners)

101	(12)		FUTURE PROSPECT (C Buckley) M Johnston 8-9	J Weaver	–
102	(7)	006	MAGIC BLUE 18 (G Johnson) R Hollinshead 8-9	L Dettori	77
103	(3)		OUT OF SIGHT (D Allen) B McMahon 8-9	G Carter	–
104	(8)		BRUTAL FANTASY (P Savill) N Tinkler 8-6	K Darley	–
105	(6)	2422	JOINT VENTURE 15 (B,BF) (Mrs B Bell) B Meehan 8-6	Pat Eddery	97
106	(11)	4	OSOMENTAL 16 (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 8-6	A Mackay	97
107	(4)		BALLYMOTE (Manny Bernstein (Racing) Ltd) J Berry 8-3	J Carroll	–
108	(2)		HEGGIES (C Egerton) C Egerton 8-3	C Rutter	–
109	(9)	63	HIGH SPIRITS 18 (Mrs J Mountifield) T Easterby 8-3	L Charnock	94
110	(1)	2	AYBEEGIRL 14 (S Hobson) Mrs J Cecil 8-1	Paul Eddery	●
111	(5)	35	NIGHTINGALE SONG 35 (S Bayless) M Meade 7-12	F Norton	86
112	(10)	3	PERFECT BLISS 58 (R Mason) P Evans 7-12	T Williams	83

BETTING: 7-2 Aybeegirl, 4-1 Joint Venture, 5-1 Osomental, 6-1 Future Prospect, 7-1 Ballymote, 8-1 others

1995: BEAUTIFUL BALLAD 7-12 A McGlone (4-5 fav) B Hills 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

FUTURE PROSPECT (foaled Apr 27, cost 15,000gns) Half-brother by Marju to useful Irish juvenile 5f winner Il Caravaggio, dam 6f-1m winner. MAGIC BLUE 5¼l 6th of 7 to The Gay Fox in maiden over course and distance (good to soft). JOINT VENTURE short-head 2nd of 4 to Want For Rosie in maiden at Brighton (5f 59yd, firm). OSOMENTAL 4¼l 4th to Express Gift in conditions race at Ayr (5f, good to soft). HIGH SPIRITS 2¼l 3rd of 12 to Legend Of Aragon in maiden auction at Newcastle (5f, good). AYBEEGIRL 2½l 2nd of 8 to Alpine Time in maiden auction at Beverley (5f, good to firm). NIGHTINGALE SONG 2l 3rd of 7 to 7 to Masterstroke in maiden auction at Brighton (5f 59yd, firm) on penultimate start. PERFECT BLISS 11l 3rd of 5 to Muchea in conditions race at Catterick (5f, good to soft).
Selection: JOINT VENTURE

2.30 SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,111: 6f) (16 runners)

201	(3)	224200	MONTRESTAR 16 (F) (J Pugh) P Evans 9-7	Angela Gallimore (3)	95
202	(9)	254-040	MARJORIE ROSE 16 (Linkscan Ltd) A Bailey 9-5	Iona Wands	90
203	(8)	0-12011	MAITEAMIA 22 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs Z Grant) S Bowring 9-3	G Milligan	●
204	(13)	06-6	FARIDA SECONDA 29 (Miss H Montaith) J Spearing 9-2	S Righton (5)	87
205	(12)	212500	BOFFY 41 (CD,G) (S Baugh) B Baugh 8-13	P Roberts	95
206	(14)	400-414	LIMERICK PRINCESS 14 (D,G) (T Doherty) J Berry 8-12	Joanne Webster (5)	98
207	(2)	320-040	SHARP MONTY 45 (R Leah) R Hollinshead 8-11	M Humphries	88
208	(5)	00-54	LAPU-LAPU 25 (Mrs S Camacho) M Camacho 8-8	S Copp	86
209	(7)	P500-03	PATHAZE 18 (F) (N Wanner) N Bycroft 8-6	Jo Hunnam (3)	89
210	(15)	4000-06	DOUG'S FOLLY 18 (B,F) (Tilstone Lodge Stud) M W Easterby 8-3	G Parkin	97
211	(4)	06-5052	MADAM ZANDO 18 (T Jones) J Balding 8-0	Martin Dwyer	92
212	(6)	321300	MISS OFFSET 4 (B,D,G,S) (Hertford Offset Ltd) M Johnston 8-0	K Sked (5)	92
213	(11)	650-00	RHYTHMIC BALL 18 (Newitt and Co Ltd) T Watson 7-12	C Adamson	97
214	(1)	05000-5	TAUREAN FIRE 16 (The Miles Apart Ptnrs) Mrs M Reveley 7-11	P Doe (5)	88
215	(16)	450U0-0	MAYSIMP 24 (Mrs J Chrimes) B Baugh 7-10	P Clarke (5)	82
216	(10)	000-	BABYSHOOZ 339 (M Paver) M Brittain 7-10	J Bramhill (5)	–

Long handicap: Maysimp 7-8, Babyshooz 7-8

BETTING: 4-1 Maiteamia, 5-1 Madam Zando, 8-1 Montrestar, Limerick Princess, 10-1 Farida Seconda, Pathaze, Doug's Folly, 12-1 others

1995: SHOWERY 9-0 C Teague (4-1 fav) J Watts 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

MONTRESTAR best recent effort, 1¼l 2nd of 16 to Antonias Melody in handicap at Ripon (6f, good). MARJORIE ROSE about 1¾l 4th of 10 to Splicing in maiden at Nottingham (5f, good) on penultimate start. MAITEAMIA beat Goretski head in 8-runner handicap at Hamilton (5f, heavy). LIMERICK PRINCESS beat Splicing 1½l in 7-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f) on penultimate start with MISS OFFSET (15lb better off) 1¾l 3rd. MADAM ZANDO 3½l 2nd of 17 to Desert Lynx in handicap at Newcastle (6f, good) with PATHAZE (5lb better off) 3l 3rd, DOUG'S FOLLY (6lb better off) 4l 6th and RHYTHMIC BALL (8lb better off) 5¼l 10th. TAUREAN FIRE about 7¼l 5th of 18 to Highspeed in handicap at Ayr (7f, good to soft).
Selection: MADAM ZANDO

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: INFAMOUS (3.30 Haydock Park)
Next best: Band On The Run (3.00 Haydock Park)

3.00 GREENALLS PROPERTY HANDICAP
(£5,542: 1m 30yd) (11 runners)

301	(6)	00-6636	BAND ON THE RUN 9 (C,D,F,G,S) (D Allen) B McMahon 9-10-0	L Dettori	91
302	(9)	5/65-300	BARBAROJA 17 (D,G,S) (Marquesa de Moratalla) J Fitzgerald 5-9-8	Pat Eddery	90
303	(1)	013-340	SHINEROLLA 34 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Green) C Parker 4-9-5	J Carroll	90
304	(2)	130-000	UP IN FLAMES 20 (CD,F,G) (M Kilner) M Hammond 5-8-11	W Carson	90
305	(4)	05-6001	REVERAND THICKNESS 41 (D,G,S) (Show Time (C) A Bailey 5-8-10	K Darley	92
306	(8)	3220-04	NORDIC BREEZE 13 (B,F) (M Jones) A Bailey 4-8-9	Paul Eddery	91
307	(11)	035-110	TATIKA 17 (D,G) (G Wragg) G Wragg 6-8-7	G Milligan (7)	●
308	(5)	431144	HIGH PREMIUM 20 (B,D,F,G) (J Parsons) R Fahey 8-8-7	A Culhane	95
309	(7)	045343	Q FACTOR 41 (S) (H Collis) D Haydn Jones 4-8-3	A Mackay	88
310	(10)	320002	DUKE VALENTINO 14 (D,G) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 4-8-0	P Fessey (5)	97
311	(3)	302-522	BOLLIN FRANK 13 (CD,F) (Sir Neil Westbrook) T Easterby 4-8-0	L Charnock	98

BETTING: 7-2 Band On The Run, 5-1 High Premium, 7-1 Bollin Frank, 8-1 Up In Flames, Reverand Thickness, Duke Valentino, 10-1 others.

1995: UP IN FLAMES 4-8-5 J Carroll (10-1) M Hammond 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAND ON THE RUN 6½l 4th (later placed 3rd) to Cool Edge in listed handicap here (7f, good to soft) on penultimate start. BARBAROJA best effort this season, 7¼l 3rd of 24 to Stone Ridge in handicap at Doncaster (1m, soft) with SHINEROLLA 2½l 4th. REVERAND THICKNESS beat Allez Cyrano 1¼l in 14-runner claimer at Warwick (1m, good to soft) with Q FACTOR (2lb better off) 1½l 3rd. NORDIC BREEZE 5½l 4th of 9 to Domulla in hancap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm). TATIKA completed double, beat Kingchip Boy 7l in 6-runner handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m) on penultimate start. HIGH PREMIUM 3¾l 4th of 18 to New Century in handicap at Thirsk (1m, good to firm) with UP IN FLAMES (2lb better off) 10½l 10th. DUKE VALENTINO 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Sooty Tern in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m). BOLLIN FRANK 1l 2nd of 11 to Couteur in handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm).
Selection: BOLLIN FRANK

3.30 COAL PRODUCTS GROUP RATED HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,654: 1m 6f) (7 runners)

401	(7)	02-15	BENATOM 16 (F) (T Harris) H Cecil 9-7	Pat Eddery	93
402	(6)	0-1	DISC OF GOLD 84 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Johnston 9-7	J Weaver	89
403	(4)	6-12	INFAMOUS 34 (BF,S) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-6	R Cochrane	●
404	(3)	01-0	OVERRULED 16 (BF,F) (E Loder) D Loder 9-6	L Dettori	97
405	(5)	052-21	SHARAF 38 (F) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-5	W Carson	96
406	(2)	023-3	ARCTIC FANCY 20 (The Cool Customers) P Harris 9-2	G Hind	91
407	(1)	5006-24	BELLATOR 16 (P Richardson) G Balding 8-7	S Sanders	96

BETTING: 9-4 Infamous, 7-2 Sharaf, 4-1 Bellator, Benatom, 6-1 Overruled, 8-1 Disc Of Gold, 12-1 Arctic Fancy

1995: RED BUSTAAN 8-6 M Roberts (6-4 fav) A Stewart 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

BENATOM beat Clerkenwell neck in maiden at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. DISC OF GOLD beat Orgeng 20l in maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m4f). INFAMOUS 3½l 2nd of 12 to Al's Alibi in handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good to soft). Previously beat SHARAF (1lb better off) ½l in maiden at Leicester (1m 4f, soft). OVERRULED beat Naseem Alsahar 1¾l in maiden at Doncaster (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start, Oct 95. ARCTIC FANCY 3¾l 3rd to Smart Play in maiden at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm). BELLATOR about 4¼l 5th (later placed 4th) to Montecristo (later placed last) in handicap at Chester (1m 4f 66yd, good) with BENATOM ¾l 6th (later placed 5th) and OVERRULED (1lb worse off) 9l 8th.
Selection: BENATOM

4.00 W Y INSURANCE BROKERS SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,220: 5f) (6 runners)

501	(2)	302312	C-HARRY 3 (V,G) (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 9-2	L Dettori	94
502	(4)	321	COME TOO MAMMA'S 11 (D,G) (J Brown) J Berry 8-11	J Carroll	●
503	(3)		THE FOUR ISLES (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 8-11	A Mackay	–
504	(6)		SHOTLEY PRINCESS (J Swinburne) N Bycroft 8-6	L Charnock	–
505	(1)		SUAVE STAR (J Pugh) P Evans 8-6	J Fortune	–
506	(5)		VIVORA (D Caddy) M Meade 8-6	V Slattery	–

BETTING: 7-4 Come Too Mamma's, 9-4 C-Harry, 5-1 Suave Star, The Four Isles, 10-1 Vivora, 12-1 Shotley Princess.

1995: LUNAR MIST 8-6 V Slattery (9-1) M Meade 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

C-HARRY 1¾l 2nd of 8 to Skyers Flyer in seller at Beverley (5f, good to firm). COME TOO MAMMA'S beat Run Lucy Run ¾l in 9-runner seller at Southwell (AW, 5f). THE FOUR ISLES (foaled Apr 25, cost 3,400gns). Half-brother by Never So Bold to 5f-1m winner Media Express; dam unplaced. SHOTLEY PRINCESS (Jan 30, 1,000gns) By Risk Me, dam 1m-1m 6f winner. SUAVE STAR (Apr 26, 4,100gns) Half-sister by Suave Dancer to several winners including useful 6f/1m scorer Nordica (dam of smart Sorbooq); dam 7f winner. VIVORA (Apr 17; 2,300gns). Fourth foal, by Risk Me; dam minor 5f winner at two, three and four years.
Selection: COME TOO MAMMA'S

4.30 LITTLETON MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,558: 1m 3f 200yd) (7 runners)

601	(2)	38	BERENICE 16 (Gestut Schlenderhan) G Wragg 8-11	M Hills	89
602	(7)	2-43	GENEROSA 25 (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) H Candy 8-11	R Cochrane	88
603	(6)	0-0	GILDORAN SOUND 20 (J Lawson) T Easterby 8-11	T Williams	–
604	(3)		HERONWATER (Mrs S Rogers) M Johnston 8-11	J Weaver	–
605	(4)		MARINO CASINO (Mrs J Magnier) H Cecil 8-11	Pat Eddery	–
606	(1)	3-4	MERIBEL 13 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	Paul Eddery	91
607	(5)	5-3	NINOTCHKA 28 (Miss K Rausing) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	●

BETTING: 7-4 Marino Casino, 3-1 Generosa, 9-2 Berenice, 5-1 Meribel, 6-1 Ninotchka, 7-1 others.

1995: TOP SHOP 8-11 W Ryan (30-100 fav) H Cecil 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BERENICE about 15l 6th of 8 to Tout A Coup in listed race at Chester (1m 3f 79yd, good). Previously 4l 3rd of 14 to Samraan in maiden at Kempton (1m 2f, good) with GENEROSA 2½l 4th. GENEROSA 1l 3rd of 11 to Yom Jameel in maiden at Kempton (1m 2f, good to firm). MERIBEL 9¼l last of 4 to Lady Carla in listed race at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good to firm). NINOTCHKA 4¼l 3rd to Quota in maiden at Sandown (1m 2f, good).
Selection: GENEROSA

5.00 BICKERSHAW CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,096: 7f 30yd) (5 runners)

1	(1)	2265-15	FIRE DOME 27 (G,S) (M Al-Shuaibi) R Hannon 4-9-8	M Hills	●
2	(4)	5214/12	TAKKATAMM 58 (CD,G,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) S bin Suroor 4-9-4	L Dettori	–
3	(5)	2521-	KISSEL 267 (S) (R Fenwick-Gibson) A Harrison 4-8-13	J Stack (3)	–
4	(3)	01	MASTER BOOTS 30 (D,G) (C Brasher) D Loder 3-8-7	Pat Eddery	75
5	(2)	3-10	INNER CIRCLE 33 (D,G) (M Tabor) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-2	Paul Eddery	98

BETTING: 5-4 Takkatamm, 6-4 Fire Dome, 6-1 Inner Circle, 8-1 Master Boots, Kissel.

1995: MISTLE CAT 5-9-10 W Ryan (15-8 fav) S Woods 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIRE DOME beat The Puzzler 1¼l in 8-runner listed race at Doncaster (6f, soft) on penultimate start. TAKKATAMM 1½l 2nd of 11 to Tereshkova in listed race at Nad Al Sheba (1m, good). KISSEL 3l 2nd of 7 to Placenza at Chantilly (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. MASTER BOOTS beat Ettie Force 2½l in 8-runner maiden at Catterick (7f, good). INNER CIRCLE beat Papaha 1l in 17-runner maiden at Leicester (7f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: TAKKATAMM

Rugby close to a vote for anarchy

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

ONE way or another, English rugby should know where it stands after today. If it does not, those that run the sport will have fudged the issue or the leading clubs in the country will have cut themselves free from the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and set sail into an uncertain future.

The birth of professional rugby union in England has been far more difficult than anywhere else in the world, but a compromise is still within reach. Today the 61-strong RFU committee will hear, at the Hilton Hotel, London, presentations by the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) and by the union's own negotiating team, led by Cliff Brittle. They will have a chance to question both sides.

This afternoon they will vote on heads of agreement between the two sides and, at that stage, the rugby public, which has been confused, exasperated and saddened by the disagreements of the past four months, will know whether the RFU and its leading clubs can go forward together or whether a second great schism — echoing that of 1895 when the Rugby League was born — is at hand.

The issue that divides them is, essentially, one of control; of the management of the additional finance that the clubs need to function as professional organisations. Depending on the club, between £750,000 and £1.5 million may be needed every year — figures not consistent with the appeal of club rugby in England.

The fundamental basis of the sport having changed, the RFU committee must decide whether the clubs most affected are justified in demanding a degree of autonomy, a situation that exists in all the provincial unions of the southern hemisphere. The 61 members of the committee (businessmen, lawyers and farmers, representing the counties, the Services and Oxbridge) will be told by Bill Bishop, the RFU president, that the time for talking is over and that a damaging dispute must be resolved.

The extent of that damage is obvious. Neither the union, burdened by debt, nor the clubs can draw up budgets with any certainty for a season that is only three months away.

Any business seeking to invest in rugby — and that includes the RFU's main backers — has built-in escape clauses should the game be unable to deliver its premier products. Thus, firms such as Courage, Pilkington and Save and Prosper, respectively supporters of the league, the cup and Twickenham internationals, will reconsider their positions if there is a rupture.

Likewise the clubs, if they believe themselves forced to go it alone, must be sure they can take others with them — clubs from other countries, broadcasters and sponsors — to help fund a parallel game that they are not equipped to run themselves. "Unless we can reach a compromise deal with the RFU, based on what they hear from us at the meeting, then it is hard to see which further avenues can be explored," Donald Kerr, the Epruc chairman, said yesterday.

Kerr, who, with Peter Wheeler, of Leicester, has been the principal spokesman for the clubs, said that he does not seek control of the game. "All we are trying to do is get the professional game off the ground for the whole of English rugby," he said.

The alternative to compromise is too appalling to contemplate. Gerry Sugrue, the chairman of Coventry, who won promotion to the second division last season, said that he was baffled by the absence of relevant information from both the RFU and Epruc. "We have been given no good reason for leaving the RFU," he said. "It would have to be a compelling and all-powerful reason for us to do so."

According to Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), clubs would be left prey to television interests or to entrepreneurs such as Ross Turnbull, the Australian, and the rift in northern-hemisphere rugby could take five years to heal. "We couldn't deal with two unions from one country and any breakaway group would be outside the regulations of the governing body," Pugh said.

"I doubt if the other unions would sanction games against a breakaway [England] XV. Despite the differences we in the home unions have with the RFU over television, I can't see a situation arising where we would abandon them. Our need in the IRFB has been to build on the elevated profile of rugby worldwide. A strong England is central to that."

ALAN WELLER

Beard, right, with the women bowls players who moved to a new home in protest at their treatment at the Cyphers club

Male bias triggers petticoat rebellion

David Rhys Jones finds bitter 'suffragette' women bowlers on march to happier green

One of England's most prominent bowls clubs, the Cyphers in Beckenham, Kent has been the setting for a petticoat rebellion, as 29 of the club's 31 women members have resigned in protest and moved out after what Jill Beard, their president, calls, "male chauvinism at its worst".

"The men refused to consider our request for equal rights, declined to give us the vote, and threatened to take control over the day-to-day running of the women's section, which was formed in 1957," Beard said yesterday. "They wanted to vet all applications for membership, and take charge of all monies as soon as we received them."

The idea of applying for full membership rights was mooted as long ago as December 1994, but, despite a petition signed by all but two of the club's women members, a proposal put to the September 1995 annual meeting by Beard's husband, Ron, then the club treasurer, was not even put to the vote.

Things came to a head when, after almost 12 months wrangling, Beard was dismissed from membership on November 13, 1995, but no reasons were given for her expulsion, and she continued defiantly in her role as president.

Beard, who believes she was dismissed entirely because of her involvement in the women's bid for equal rights, added, "in the end, the men's complaints hinged on a trivial conversation I had with the club's male president, Mike Heppell, as long ago as May, 1995."

The Cyphers Suffragettes, as the women call themselves, were so incensed at the men's behaviour that they were ready to chain themselves to the railings. They took legal advice and were glad to find they had a strong case.

"Our solicitor informed us that the club constitution actually gives us equal rights, and that I certainly could not be dismissed on a whim, without any reasons being given," Mrs Beard said.

"Last month, our solicitor invited the club to give me leave to appeal, but, before we had a reply, we had heard of a bowling green at a club just a mile away which was not being used, and had taken our destiny into our own hands."

Virtually all of the women members marched out of Cyphers and down the road to the Livesey Memorial Hall, where the home club was disbanded two years ago when it was believed that Sainsbury's were going to build a supermarket on the site. The hall is a listed building, however, and was spared, along with the bowling green and other sports facilities. "The people who run the sports and social club were delighted when we asked them if we could move in," Mrs Beard said.

Heppell said yesterday: "They walked out, basically. They wouldn't conform to the constitution of the club. It's fairly sad, but in one way it's done us a favour.

"I predict that the club will be revitalised, because many of them made a zero input, and we'll be looking to recruit some women with a more positive attitude. Some of them were charming, but there are others we won't miss! It was a personality thing. They didn't go about it the right way. I'm not against full membership status for the ladies, and we will probably bring it in next year. But I wish they'd bring the books back."

Husbands of many of the women at the New Livesey Bowling Club remain at Cyphers, where there seems to be a split between the men who are sympathetic towards the women, and those who are not.

"We are determined to make New Livesey a proper mixed club," Mrs Beard insists. "At present, we are all women, but we are hoping to recruit male members, and are even prepared to give them full voting rights."

IN BRIEF

Auckland thrills to Super 12

THE tournament that has kick-started the era of professional rugby union in the southern hemisphere reaches its climax in Auckland tomorrow when the final of the Super 12 is played between Auckland Blues and Natal (David Hands writes). Testimony to its instant appeal was demonstrated earlier this week when, within 24 hours, all 44,000 tickets for Eden Park were sold.

Whatever teething problems professionalism may have created down under, the playing of the game has not been one of them. Several internationals — Sean Fitzpatrick, just reappointed as the New Zealand captain for the coming season and John Eales, of Australia, among them — have agreed that the Super 12 has moved the sport forward significantly.

"I think we'd be naive if we sat back and thought we'd done everything right," Riaan Oberholzer, the chief executive of Sanzar (South Africa, New Zealand and Australia Rugby, the group formed last year to run international and provincial competitions), said. "But the competition has grabbed the interest of people, it revived the interest of our ex-supporters and it also tapped into the rugby league market."

AUCKLAND: A Cashmore; J Lomu, E Clarke, J Ngauamo, J Vidiri; C Spencer, J Tonu'u; C Dowd, S Fitzpatrick, O Brown, M Jones, R Brooke, C Riechelmann, A Blowers, Z Brooke.

NATAL: A Joubert; J Small, J Thompson, R Muir, C van der Westhuizen; H Honiball, K Putt; O le Roux, J Allan, A Garvey, W van Heerden, S Atherton, M Andrews, W Fyvie, G Teichmann.

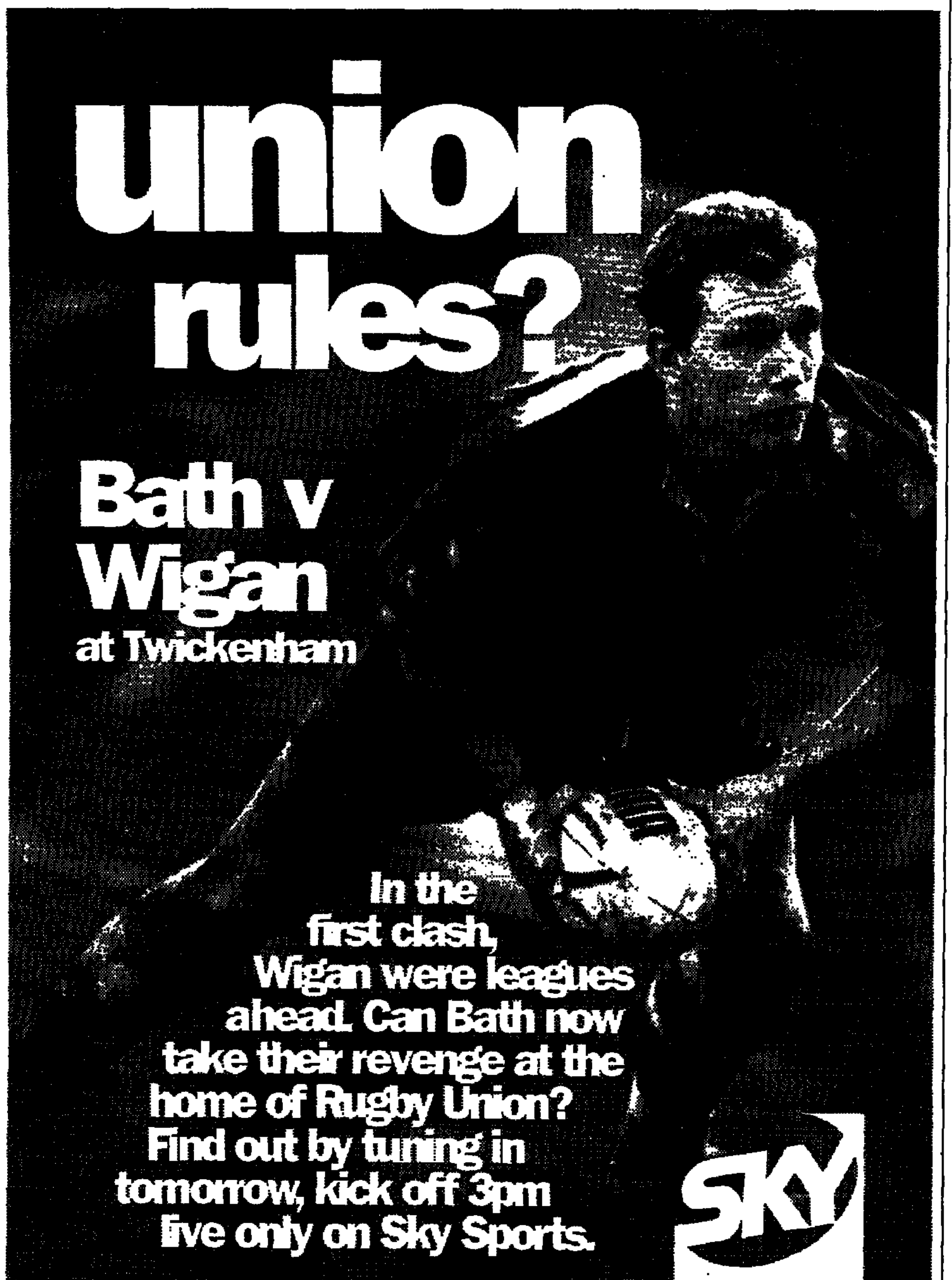
Three changes

Hockey: There are three changes in the Great Britain team to play Germany at Milton Keynes on Sunday. Giles, Hazlitt and Lee replace Fordham, Hoskin and the injured Laslett, who is also ruled out of the Teddington team that begins its campaign in the B division of the European club championship in Prague today.

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD: S Mason (Reading); D Luckes (East Grinstead), J Wyatt (Reading), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), Soma Singh (Southgate), S Hazlitt (Hounslow and Army), J Lee (Old Loughtonians), Kalbir Takher (Cannock), R Thompson (Hounslow, captain), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians), C Mayer (Cannock), P McGuire (Teddington), R Garcia (Polo Club, Barcelona), J Shaw (Southgate), C Giles (Havant), D Hall (Guildford).

Hayles reprimand

Cycling: Rob Hayles, on the short list for the Olympic Games in Atlanta and a triple British road and track champion, has been severely reprimanded for a breach of regulations, when riding in the centre of a dual carriageway, when winning the national 10-miles time-trial championship last Sunday, but will keep his title.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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

When your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one of a suit, it is extremely unlikely that you would want to play in that suit — if you do hold a hand with a good long suit which is opened in front of you, it is usually best to pass for the time being and enter the auction on the next round when you have a better idea of what is going on. So it is efficient to play a simple overcall in the opener's suit as artificial: the bid is called a **cue-bid**. There is a great deal of difference in treatment of cue-bids between the rubber bridge table and the tournament world.

In rubber bridge circles, a cue-bid shows an extremely strong hand, either a one-suiter or a two-suiter; it is forcing to game. (With a three-suited hand short in the suit opened, it is always correct to start with a take-out double). Some examples of such a cue-bid over a One Heart opening would be:

(i)
♠ A K J 10 8 7 4
♥ 6
♦ A K 5
♣ A 6

(ii)
♠ A K J 10 8
♥ 6
♦ A K 5 3 2
♣ A 6

In both cases, there are plenty of yarboroughs opposite that would make game a good proposition. With Hand (i), the final denomination will almost certainly be spades; even if partner can contribute nothing at all, Four Spades will depend on the queen of trumps dropping doubleton. However, it would be a mistake to bid Four Spades straightaway as this might lead to a missed slam. With Hand (ii), the final denomination is less certain, spades or diamonds being a strong possibility. Although this hand cannot count tricks in quite the same way as Hand (i), its potential is greater — facing five small cards in spades or diamonds and a doubleton in the other, slam would be a good proposition. The secret of responding to strong cue-bids is to keep the bidding low to give partner a chance to describe his hand.

Such strong hands are very rare, so, to make more frequent use of the cue-bid, tournament players use them to show much weaker two-suiters. Common is the "Michaels cue-bid": a cue-bid of a minor opened by right-hand opponent shows both majors, and a cue-bid of a major-suit opening shows the other major and an unspecified minor. This allows a descriptive entry into the auction with a hand that has good distribution, for either constructive or sacrificial purposes. The minimum strength for such a cue-bid varies with the vulnerability. Consider the following hands after a One Heart opening:

(iii)
♠ K J 10 6 5
♥ 6
♦ K Q 10 4 3
♣ 7 5

(iv)
♠ A K J 7 6
♥ 6
♦ K Q J 6 5
♣ 7 5

Hand (iii) is a good example of a non-vulnerable Michaels cue-bid, whereas vulnerable a hand more of the strength of (iv) would be necessary. Next week, I will discuss take-out doubles.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

LEGATO
a. A Byzantine chamberlain
b. Smoothly
c. Grilled calf's liver

MOOCHER
a. A blackberry-picker
b. A handkerchief
c. A cow

LANGUET
a. A freshwater decapod
b. A chain breastplate
c. A little tongue

MHORR
a. A Gaelic slogan
b. A standing stone
c. A gazelle

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
chess correspondent

Joint lead

After two rounds of the powerful international tournament in Seville, the lead is shared by Boris Gelfand, the Belorussian grandmaster, and grandmaster Viswanathan Anand, from India, the unsuccessful challenger for the PCA world championship title last year.

Both players have 1½ points. The average ratings of the competitors in Seville comes to an extraordinary level of 2,715.

In the second round, Anand and Kasparov fought a desperate and exciting duel that ended in a draw by perpetual check after Kasparov sacrificed his queen.

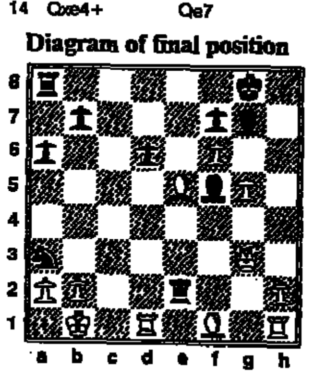
White: Viswanathan Anand
Black: Garry Kasparov
Seville, May 1996

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Be3	e6
7	g4	h6
8	f4	e5
9	Nf5	Nc6
10	Qf3	g6
11	0-0-0	gxf5
12	exf5	e4
13	Nxe4	Nxe4
14	Qxe4+	Qe7
15	Qd3	Bg7
16	Bd2	0-0
17	g5	hxg5
18	fxg5	Qe5
19	f6	Bf5
20	Qg3	Rfc8
21	Bc3	Nb4
22	Bxe5	Rxc2+
23	Kb1	Re2+
24	Ka1	Nc2+
25	Kb1	Na3+

Draw agreed

Diagram of final position



Boris Gelfand demonstrated an excellent method against the Grunfeld Defence to defeat Vassily Ivanchuk. Gelfand's 23, Ne6 was particularly fine, and equally impressive was his delayed capture of the sacrificed knight.

White: Boris Gelfand
Black: Vassily Ivanchuk
Seville, May 1996

Grunfeld Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	g6
3	c4	Bg7
4	Nc3	d5
5	cxd5	Nxd5
6	e4	Nxc3
7	bxc3	c5
8	Rb1	0-0
9	Be2	cxd4
10	cxd4	Qa5+
11	Bd2	Qxa2
12	0-0	b6
13	Bg5	Re8
14	Bb5	Bd7
15	Qd3	Qa5
16	Bc4	Nc6
17	Bd2	Qh5
18	Rb5	e5
19	Ng5	Nxd4
20	Bxf7+	Kh8
21	Bxe8	Bxe8
22	Rb2	h6
23	Ne6	Nxe6
24	Qd5	Nc7
25	Qb7	Qe2
26	Re1	Qc4
27	Rc1	Qd4
28	Rbc2	Rd8
29	Qxc7	Kh7
30	Bc3	Qd7
31	Be1	g5
32	Qxd7	Rxd7
33	Rc7	Black resigns

SECOND ROUND: *Topalov drew with Kramnik*; Gelfand bt Ivanchuk; Anand drew with Kasparov; Shirov bt Polgar; Kamsky drew with Illescas.

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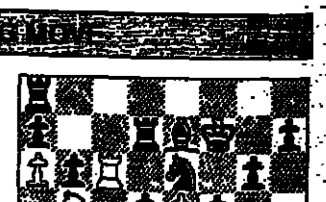
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



White to play. This position is from the game Fiorito — Tempone, Mar del Plata, 1996. The black knight on e6 is a fine blockading piece and is also preventing White from invading along the seventh rank with Rc7. How did White deal with this troublesome piece?

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To give our competitors a sporting chance, we've been asked to put on a bit of extra weight.

Oh dear. It appears that the well-earned victories for the Audi A4 quattros in this year's Auto Trader RAC British Touring Car Championship have been eating away at certain members of the motor racing fraternity. To the extent that we've just had yet another 30kg weight handicap slapped on us. Will it spoil our appetite for success? Fat chance.

Audi
Vorsprung durch Technik

Comedy becomes tragedy for Brown

SIMON WILDE

At the Oval

If Alistair Brown had appeared on a one-wheeled bike, wearing a silly hat *and a red nose, and thrown* custard pies at the umpires, he would scarcely have struck a more ridiculous figure than he did yesterday.

Without any hint of first-night nerves, he went through with the routine that he had been given — and he got the laughs all right — but, in true slapstick tradition, for mostly the wrong reasons. For Ally Brown, read Coco the Clown.

It was not all his fault. *Brown is* unfortunate to be a big-hitting opening batsman playing at a time when England *think that* that is precisely what they need to take advantage of the fielding restrictions *now governing limited-*overs internationals. These are dangerous days to be labelled a one-day player, as Brown assuredly is.

Although he struck some fine blows yesterday, too few of them cleared the inner ring of fieldsmen and that was exactly what he was in the team for. That *is not to say that* he did not try. He did; but, by the seventh over, he had scored only 13 and was clearly feeling the pressure. He attempted to hoick Srinath over mid-wicket, but the ball was of full length and Brown could only skew it crazily over the slips, where it landed safely out of the retreating Tendulkar's reach. Soon after, he tried something similar, *again against Srinath,* and was clattered on the helmet.

He was having more success with Prasad, to whom he stepped down the pitch and pulled to the square-leg boundary. Two overs later, he tried, with less subtlety, to repeat the trick. The drums *were rolling* as he danced down the pitch … Prasad saw him coming and dropped the ball short … Brown fell over trying to make *contact … the* wicketkeeper shied at the stumps … and Brown was left to scramble in *the dirt in order to* make his ground. All that was missing was a clash of the cymbals.

> 'He got laughs for the wrong reasons'

After 15 overs, when the fielding restrictions were relaxed, Brown had scored only 29, not quite what England had been looking for. When he was out, *four overs later,* having missed a straight ball from Mhambrey, he had scored just 37 from 52 balls.

It would be unfair to state on *the evidence of one match that* Brown does not have the technique to play cricket for England. More pertinent would be to ask whether England's tactics yesterday were the right ones.

This Oval pitch had far more bounce and carry than those on which Brown battered county attacks to all parts of *Kennington during the Benson and Hedges Cup* earlier this month. Srinath and Prasad were a handful even for Atherton, who was trying to cope at the other end by altogether more orthodox means.

The point is that, whatever the conditions, England have got the wrong end of the stick over this pinch-hitting business. The teams that are good at *it do not* employ players like Brown. They send in first players who have other strings to their bow (Jayasuriya, of Sri Lanka, is an all-rounder) or their most fluent player (Mark Waugh, for Australia, or Tendulkar, for India).

England would do better to persist with promoting Neil Smith. He is primarily an off-spin bowler who can afford to fail as a batsman. When he joined Brown after Atherton's dismissal, he looked far more comfortable about flinging the bat than his partner; and, *although he failed coming in* at No 3, Kumble, too, was a safe gamble for India. It is really time that England gave this particular torch to Hick.

Of course, Brown should have been out to his second ball yesterday, but cruel, outrageous luck — of which Brown was given more than a pinch — dictated that Rathore would drop the chance that he was presented with at second slip.

Brown was obliged to stay and end up with custard pie on his face.

MARC ASPLAND

Brown's richly comic routine is ended on 37 as he misses a straight ball from Mhambrey and is clean bowled

Hussain and Robinson give Essex time to regroup

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

DERBY (first day of four; Essex won toss): Essex have made 225 for three against Derbyshire

BEFORE the rain arrived at tea-time, there was some good cricket at the Racecourse Ground. The pitch was less green than some seen here and, after struggling early on, Robinson and Hussain batted well on it. Malcolm bowled well, too, showing that, whatever Raymond Illingworth thinks of him, he has not lost *his self-respect.*

Malcolm ended the day with only one wicket, though his opening spell might have earned two more. It was a good wicket to get. Gooch, who had begun the morning with two thumping boundaries, was bowled as he tried to drive a ball of good length.

For a while, Robinson and Hussain had to find shelter. Hussain needed 17 overs to reach double figures and his first two boundaries came off the edge. Slowly, he and Robinson found their feet in a passage of play that held interest for being competitive. Had Harris bowled straighter, the batsmen would not have survived the morning.

Robinson, missed at slip by Adams on 37, was first to 50 and blossomed in the early afternoon sun. He had played some attractive strokes when Jones, bringing himself on to *bowl the gentlest of off spin,* ended a stand of 158 before immediately making way for Base. It takes some believing that Base is still with the county. He made one appearance last summer and is playing here only because Cork and DeFreitas are unavailable. Just before tea, Law battered him for four boundaries in an over.

Hussain had gone by then for 81, leg-before to Harris, whose afternoon performance must have encouraged his captain. He jagged the ball around off the pitch and was eventually rewarded for his persistence when he struck Hussain on the back leg.

Hussain batted with maturity and sound judgment. They are qualities that should serve him well this summer, and not just for Essex.

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch b Malcolm	17
D D J Robinson c Krikken b Jones	74
N Hussain lbw b Harris	81
S G Law not out	30
*P J Prichard not out	12
Extras (lb 1, nb 10)	11
Total (3 wkts, 73 overs)	225

A P Grayson, †R J Rollins, M C Ilott, N F Williams, P M Such and A P Cowan to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-179, 3-179.

BOWLING: Malcolm 18-2-60-1; Harris 18-6-44-1; Base 19-4-79-0; Aldred 7-1-29-0; Wells 10-2-12-0; Jones 1-1-0-1.

DERBYSHIRE: K J Barnett, A S Rollins, C J Adams, *D M Jones, J E Owen, C M Wells, †K M Krikken, S J Base, P Aldred, A J Harris, D E Malcolm.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 1 Essex 1.

Umpires: J D Bond and K J Lyons.

Hampshire unhinged by Brown's incursion

BY JACK BAILEY

PORTSMOUTH: (first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 192 for nine wickets against Durham

INVADING the den of the Warwickshire bear at Edgbaston and emerging clutching the spoils is one thing. Taking on a Durham team that is hungry for any kind of success is quite another. *Hampshire found this out at* the United Services ground yesterday, when they lost their first three wickets to Simon Brown inside five overs for nine runs and, despite fighting innings from Adrian Aymes and Cardigan Connor, still have some way to go before regaining their equilibrium.

It was a toss that John Stephenson, the Hampshire captain, might have hoped to lose. There is invariably pace and movement in the Portsmouth wicket early on. Equally, genuine application on the part of the batsmen is usually rewarded in spades.

While Durham, Brown especially, bowled quite well, it cannot be said that Hampshire's early order were in a *resolute frame of mind.* Not until Kevan James settled in briefly did resistance enter the equation. Not until Aymes and Connor joined in a partnership of 54 for the ninth wicket did bat dominate ball.

Connor made 42 of these. Durham bowled short and Connor revelled in it. Fifty overs were lost to rain, but it remains Durham's day, although not quite as firmly as it had begun.

Then, Brown found the edge against Stephenson's forward push with his second ball and struck again with his sixth as Laney tried to guide him down the leg-side. When Brown brought one back to have Morris leg-before he had taken three for 2 in 14 balls and Hampshire were hanging on by their fingertips.

Betts bustled in and the promising James holed out at mid-wicket and Whitaker top-edged Wood to reward him in his first over for a year in the championship. Haphazard strokes both, but it took a blinding catch at cover to see off Connor and Aymes remained defiant to the end.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

*J P Stephenson c Scott b Brown	0
J S Laney c Scott b Brown	0
R S M Morris lbw b Brown	6
K D James c Blenkiron b Betts	23
P R Whitaker c Morris b Wood	6
G W White b Wood	19
†A N Aymes not out	41
S D Udal lbw b Betts	5
R J Maru lbw b Wood	8
C A Connor c Boiling b Brown	42
S M Milburn not out	12
Extras (lb 1, w 5, nb 20)	26
Total (9 wkts, 54.3 overs)	192

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-1, 3-8, 4-27, 5-64, 6-70, 7-91, 8-111, 9-165.

BOWLING: Brown 17.3-2-49-4; Betts 18-1-83-2; *Wood 15-3-52-3; Collingwood 3-0-7-0.*

DURHAM: *M A Roseberry, S L Campbell, J E Morris, D A Blenkiron, P Bainbridge, P D Collingwood, †C W Scott, J Wood, J Boiling, S J E Brown, M M Betts.

Bonus points: Hampshire 0 Durham 4.

Umpires: J W Holder and K E Palmer.

Wells in hurry to make up lost time

BY PAT GIBSON

HORSHAM (second day of four: Middlesex won toss): Sussex have scored 216 for three wickets against Middlesex

ALAN WELLS put Sussex's inauspicious start to the season behind him and did his best to make up for lost time before the rain returned to take another sizeable chunk out of a match that had already been reduced to an old-fashioned three-day contest.

Wells made 92 off 122 balls *in a third-wicket partnership* of 152 with Bill Athey, whose well-honed technique, now augmented by a glinting pair of spectacles, had denied Mike Gatting the rewards he expected when he put Sussex in.

There was movement off the seam for all four Middlesex seamers. Fraser bowled well but without luck, Hewitt had Hall caught at first slip in his second over and Nash, though looking far from fit in his first championship match of the season, claimed Speight caught behind.

Unfortunately for Gatting, all but Fraser bowled too many loose balls and Wells took full advantage of them. Having given Athey 18 overs and 20 runs start, he was first to his 50, which included nine fours, and he had struck another seven when he hooked Follett into the hands of Nash at long leg.

Athey is 38 now and realised that his eyesight was deteriorating towards the end of last season. He could not get on with contact lenses but spectacles seem to have done the trick and he had reached 70 in 63 overs when the rain set in.

SUSSEX: First Innings

C W J Athey not out	70
J W Hall c Carr b Hewitt	4
M P Speight c Brown b Nash	24
*A P Wells c Nash b Follet	92
N J Lenham not out	6
Extras (b 7, w 1, nb 12)	20
Total (3 wkts, 62.3 overs)	216

D R C Law, †P Moores, I D K Salisbury, V C Drakes, P W Jarvis and E S H Giddins to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-57, 3-209

BOWLING: Fraser 16.3-5-29-0; Hewitt 11-3-43-1; Nash 10-1-44-1; Follet 17-6-67-1; Tufnell 7-2-24-0; Weekes 1-0-2-0.

MIDDLESEX: P N Weekes, J C Pooley, M R Ramprakash, *M W Gatting, J D Carr, †K R Brown, J P Hewitt, A R C Fraser, D Follet, D J Nash, P C R Tufnell

Bonus points Sussex 1 Middlesex 1

Umpires. B Dudleston and B J Meyer.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Glamorgan v Worcs

ABERGAVENNY (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Glamorgan have scored 148 for five wickets against Worcestershire

GLAMORGAN: *First Innings*

S P James b Newport	20
H Morris c Illingworth b Sheriyar	4
A Dale c Moody b Newport	29
G P Butcher b Newport	73
*P A Cottey c Rawnsley b Newport	2
†A D Shaw not out	3
Extras (b 2, lb 3, nb 12)	17
Total (5 wkts, 54.4 overs)	148

R D B Croft, O D Gibson, S D Thomas, S L Watkin and S R Barwick to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-26, 3-127, 4-137, 5-148.

BOWLING: Newport 15.4-5-49-4; Sheriyar 6-0-27-1; Lampitt 8-2-27-0; Illingworth 19-8-29-0; Rawnsley 4-2-11-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: T S Curtis, W P C Weston, R K Spiring, *T M Moody, D A Leatherdale, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, P J Newport, *R K Illingworth,* A Sheriyar, M Rawnsley.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 0 Worcestershire 2

Umpires: V A Holder and N T Plews.

Gloucestershire v Surrey

GLOUCESTER (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire have scored 223 for four wickets against Surrey

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright lbw b Julian	51
N J Trainor lbw b Julian	67
M A Lynch run out	0
T H C Hancock not out	43
A Symonds c Kersey b M P Bicknell	32
M W Alleyne not out	5
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 22)	25
Total (4 wkts, 61.1 overs)	223

†R C Russell, R P Davis, *M C J Ball, A M* Smith and *C A Walsh to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-111, 2-111, 3-146, 4-199.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 21-4-74-1; Julian 22-5-81-2; Hollioake 4-1-14-0; Benjamin 7.1-2-29-0; Pearson 7-1-25-0.

SURREY: D J Bicknell, M A Butcher, J D Ratcliffe, *A J Hollioake, Nadeem Shahid, D M Ward, B P Julian, †G J Kersey, M P Bicknell, R M Pearson, J E Benjamin

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 1 Surrey 1.

Umpires: H D Bird and T E Jesty.

Kent v Yorkshire

CANTERBURY (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 261 for five wickets against Kent

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

A McGrath c Hooper b Preston	40
M P Vaughan c Hooper b McCague	24
*D Byas c Marsh b Preston	44
M G Bevan c Llong b Preston	80
C White c Hooper b McCague	13
†R J Blakey not out	32
A C Morris not out	13
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 1, nb 10)	15
Total (5 wkts, 86 overs)	261

P J Hartley, A G Wharf, R D Stemp and C E W Silverwood to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-68, 3-198, 4-211, 5-217.

BOWLING: McCague 24-6-72-2, Thompson 12-4-52-0, Preston 19-5-42-3, Fleming 11-3-30-0; Patel 20-6-81-0

KENT: D P Fulton, M V Fleming, T R Ward, C L Hooper, *G R Cowdrey,* N J Llong, *†S A Marsh, J B D Thompson, M J McCague, M M Patel, N W Preston

Bonus points: Kent 2 Yorkshire 2

Umpires: R Palmer and A Clarkson.

Somerset v Northants

TAUNTON (first day of four; Somerset won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 62 for two wickets against Somerset

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R R Montgomerie c Rose b Caddick	5
A Fordham c Turner b Shine	4
*R J Bailey not out	26
M B Loye not out	23
Extras (nb 4)	4
Total (2 wkts, 21.1 overs)	62

D J Capel, K M Curran, †R J Warren, A L Penberthy, J P Taylor, J E Emburey and C E L Ambrose to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-14.

BOWLING: Caddick 9.1-3-24-1; Shine 7-1-27-1; Rose 5-1-11-0

SOMERSET: M N Lathwell, P D Bowler, *A N Hayhurst, M E Trescothick, P C L Holloway, S Lee, †R J Turner, G D Rose, J D Batty, A R Caddick, K J Shine.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and G Sharp

Warwicks v Leics

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Leicestershire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 60 for no wickets against Leicestershire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles not out	24
N V Knight not out	34
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (no wkt, 15 overs)	60

D P Ostler, T L Penney, *D A Reeve, S M Pollock, D R Brown, †K J Piper, G Welch, A F Giles and G C Small to bat.

BOWLING: Millns, 7-1-25-0; Mullally 6-1-27-0; *Parsons 2-0-6-0*

LEICESTERSHIRE: V J Wells, D L Maddy, B F Smith, P V Simmons, *J J Whitaker, A Habib, †P A Nixon, G J Parsons, D J Millns, A R K Pierson, A D Mullally

Umpires: G I Burgess and D R Shepherd.

University match

Oxford Univ v Notts

THE PARKS (first day of three; Oxford University won toss): Oxford University have scored 178 for three wickets against Nottinghamshire

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

C M Gupte c Afzaal b Evans	18
J N Batty lbw b Bowen	31
G Khan not out	72
*H S Malik c Broadhurst b Chapman	38
M Wagh not out	5
Extras (lb 2, nb 12)	14
Total (3 wkts)	178

M E D Jarrett, R Thompson, P Dupritz, †D P Mather, C G R Lightfoot and J J Bull to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-66, 3-164.

BOWLING: Bowen 10-4-18-1; Chapman 13-1-50-1; Evans 8.3-0-38-1; Broadhurst 7-0-60-0; Hindson 3-1-7-0; Afzaal 1-0-3-0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: J R Wileman, M P Dowman, *P Johnson, N A Gie, J E Hindson, †L N P Walker, U Afzaal, K P Evans, M N Bowen, R J Chapman, M Broadhurst.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and J F Steele

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: soft

2.10 (6f) 1, **Naked Poser** (Dane O'Neill, 4-1); 2, Natalia Bay (13-8 fav); 3, Wait For Rosie (5-1). 5 ran. NR: Reunion. Hd, 1l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.90; £1.60, £1.30. DF: £3.40. CSF: £10.23.

2.40 (1m 4f) 1, **Taipan** (L Dettori, 7-2 fav); 2, Bardon Hill Boy (10-1); 3, Royal Scimitar (11-2). 9 ran. NR: Chatham Island. 3l, hd. J Dunlop. Tote: £4.10; £1.70, £4.10, £1.80. DF: £27.50. CSF: £32.93. Tricast: £165.42.

3.10 (7f) 1, **Orange Place** (T Quinn, 12-1); 2, Dawalib (14-1); 3, Stoppes Brow (20-1). Courageous Dancer 7-2 fav. 11 ran. NR: Erlton, Jo Maximus. 2½l, 1¾l. T Naughton. Tote: £13.90; £2.40, £3.40, £4.90. DF: £87.80. CSF: £140.74. Tricast: £3,047.77.

3.40 (1m 2f) 1, **Captain Horatius** (T Quinn, 4-1); 2, Wijara (4-1); 3, Lear White (100-30). Fahal 11-4 fav. 6 ran. NR: Maidment, *Maralinga, Midnight Legend, Musetta.* 2½l, 1¾l. J Dunlop. Tote: £4.30; £2.20, £1.90. DF: £9.10. CSF: £17.89.

4.10 (6f) 1, **Ortolan** (Dane O'Neill, 15-8 fav); 2, Lionel Edwards (13-2); 3, Red Time (20-1). 10 ran. NR: Beeny. Sh hd, 1¼l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.40; £2.10, £1.90, £3.80. DF: £6.80. CSF: £13.09.

4.45 (1m 1f) 1, **North Song** (L Dettori, 13-8 fav); 2, Ta Awun (9-2); 3, Dramatic Moment (12-1). 7 ran. NR: Realms Of Glory, Rocky Oasis. 2½l, 8l. J Gosden. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £6.40. CSF: £9.60.

5.20 (5f) race abandoned — fog.

Jackpot: £10,574.80 (0.30 winning tickets; pool of £10,425.86 carried forward to Haydock Park today).

Placepot: £181.60. **Quadpot:** £54.20.

Newcastle

Going: good, good to firm in places

2.25 (1m 2f 32yd) 1, **Sasuru** (Paul Eddery, 15-8 fav); 2, Questonia (5-2); 3, Altamura (7-1). 14 ran. ¾l, 5l. G Wragg. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £1.50, £2.10. DF: £5.10. CSF: £7.63.

2.55 (6f) 1, **Hello Dolly** (Paul Eddery, 3-1); 2, *Going For Broke* (10-1); 3, *Silver Ray* (50-1). Forzy Evens fav. 8 ran. 3l, 2l. K Burke. Tote: £4.40; £1.10, £2.40, £8.30. DF: £17.90. CSF: £28.91.

3.25 (1m 4f 93yd) 1, **Pine Needle** (B Thomson, 9-2); 2, Faateq (9-2); 3, Spartan Heartbeat (6-1). Sadler's Realm 2-1 fav. 8 ran. Nk, nk. D Morley. Tote: £4.50; £1.40, £2.10. DF: £6.50. CSF: £24.71. Tricast: £114.38.

3.55 (5f) 1, **Hula Prince** (J Weaver, 5-8 fav); 2, Young Bigwig (4-1); 3, Seaside (8-1). 6 ran. Sh hd, 1l. M Johnston. Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £4.00. DF: £4.80. CSF: £5.19.

4.25 (1m) 1, **Winston** (S Drowne, 7-2 fav); 2, Russian Rascal (5-1); 3, Sandblaster (11-2); 4, Dubai College (14-1). 18 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. J Bethell. Tote: £4.80; £1.50, £1.60, £1.60, £2.70. DF: £12.80. CSF: £22.93. Tricast: £95.93.

5.00 (5f) 1, **Captain Carat** (K Fallon, 11-2); 2, *Metal Boys* (20-1); 3, *Featherstone Lane* (14-1). Plum First 5-1 fav. 15 ran. 2l, sh hd. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £4.90; £1.90, £6.00, £4.20. DF: £81.90. CSF: £101.33. Tricast: £1,391.56.

Placepot: £90.90. **Quadpot:** £9.00.

Wednesday's late results

Salisbury

Going: soft

6.15 (6f) 1, **Witching Hour** (T Ives, 13-2); 2, Conspiracy (11-4 fav); 3, Green Jewel (6-1). 14 ran. NR: Nassama. 4l, 1l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £8.90; £3.30, £2.50, £2.50. DF: £17.60. CSF: £26.18.

6.45 (1m 4f) 1, **Glow Forum** (Dane O'Neill, 9-2 fav); 2, Kristal Breeze (10-1); 3, World Express (12-1); 4, Sterling Fellow (14-1). 19 ran. NR: Woodlands Energy. 5l, 4l. L Hall. Tote: £4.90; £1.50, £2.50, £1.90, £4.20. DF: £56.00. CSF: £50.27. Tricast: £483.05.

7.15 (6f 212yd) 1, **Pointer** (Mr L Jefford, 10-1); 2, Almapa (9-2 jt-fav); 3, Shaynes Domain (14-1); 4, Flying Pennant (9-1). Daily Risk 9-2 jt-fav. 16 ran. NR: Courting Newmarket. ¾l, ½l. Mrs P Dutfield. Tote: £13.00; £3.10, £1.40, £2.10, £3.00. DF: £47.70. CSF: £53.27. Tricast: £611.42.

7.45 (1m 2f) 1, **Deadline Time** (M Hills, 7-4); 2, Sandy Floss (13-8 fav); 3, Royal Diversion (9-2). 5 ran. 3l, 2l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £1.20. DF: £1.60. CSF: £4.79.

8.15 (6f 212yd) 1, **Slip Jig** (R Hughes, 6-4 fav); 2, Double March (33-1); 3, Prime Light (2-1). 13 ran. NR: Sovereigns Court. Hd, 4l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £3.30, £1.30. DF: £64.60. CSF: £47.86.

8.45 (5f) 1, **High Domain** (S Drowne, 20-1); 2, Friendly Brave (5-1); 3, Astral Invader (20-1). Gone Savage 2-1 fav. 10 ran. 2½l, 2l. J Spearing. Tote: £18.50; £4.80, £1.50, £4.80. DF: £22.20. CSF: £109.50. Tricast: £1,912.16.

Placepot: £174.50. **Quadpot:** £18.00.

Newcastle

Going: good, good to firm in places

6.30 (6f) 1, **Enchanted Guest** (G Duffield, 3-1 fav); 2, Mallia (6-1); 3, Hoh Majestic (7-1). 11 ran. Nk, hd. P Harris. Tote: £4.10; £1.80, £3.20, £3.50. DF: £15.90. CSF: £22.70. Tricast: £115.11.

7.00 (1m) 1, **Maple Bay** (P Roberts, 7-1); 2, Intendant (9-2 fav); 3, Shaffishayes (5-1). 15 ran. ½l, sh hd. A Bailey. Tote: £8.40; £2.80, £1.60, £2.20. DF: £38.40. CSF: £39.52. Tricast: £170.18.

7.30 (5f) 1, **Sea-Deer** (J Fortune, 9-4 fav); 2, Swan At Whalley (10-1); 3, Flashy's Son (9-2). 13 ran. 1l, ½l. D Chapman. Tote: £3.20; £1.10, £2.90, £2.10. DF: £40.20. CSF: £27.36.

8.00 (2m 19yd) 1, **Zamhareer** (Iona Wands, 11-2); 2, Royal Expression (11-2); 3, Great Easeby (11-8 fav). 10 ran. 3l, hd. W Storey. Tote: £6.40; £1.90, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £21.40. CSF: £37.48. Tricast: £61.61.

8.30 (5f) 1, **Bolero Boy** (Dale Gibson, 5-1); 2, Night Flight (9-2); 3, Bold Risk (7-2). Demolition Man 11-4 fav. 7 ran. 3½l, ½l. M W Easterby. Tote: £6.20; £2.00, £3.90. DF: £26.60. CSF: £28.74.

9.00 (1m 1f) 1, **Call Me** (D McKeown, 5-1); 2, Eagle Canyon (6-4 fav); 3, Alpine Panther (15-8). 7 ran. ¾l, 2½l. C Thornton. Tote: £7.70; £1.90, £1.50. DF: £5.10. CSF: £13.47.

Placepot: £33.10. **Quadpot:** £5.40.

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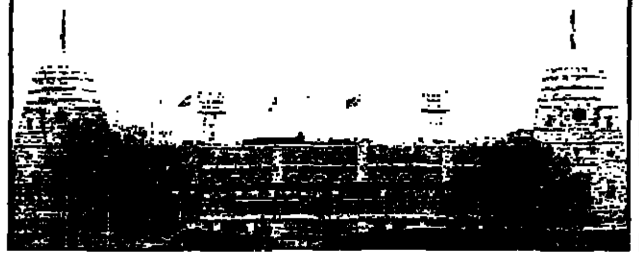

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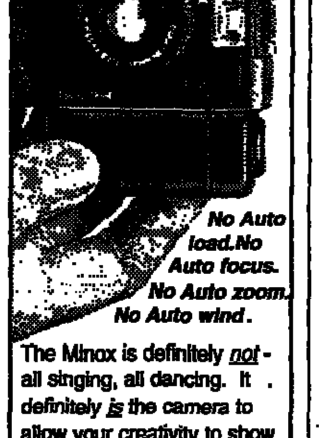

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Glamorgan struggle to cope with Newport

By Geoffrey Wheeler

PHIL NEWPORT'S return after injury yesterday brought a much-needed cutting edge to the Worcestershire attack at Abergavenny where, for once, batsmen did not have things their own way on a ground that has seen some notable scoring feats.

Glamorgan had to struggle to reach 148 for five on a rain-shortened day, grateful to Mark Butcher, 21, for an innings of 73, and the fact that he was missed twice. Newport ended with four for 49 and removed Butcher with the final ball of the day.

Nick Trainor, 20, from Durham, made an impressive debut for Gloucestershire, taking 67 off the weakened Surrey attack as he outscored the experienced Tony Wright in a first-wicket stand of 111 on the King's School ground, Gloucester.

Andy Moles, playing his first championship match for Warwickshire since last June, helped Nick Knight to put on 60 in the 15 overs possible against Leicestershire at Edgbaston.

At Canterbury, where there was almost a full day's play, Yorkshire reached 261 for five against Kent. David Byas (44), the Yorkshire captain, and Michael Bevan (80), his deputy, added 128 for the third wicket while Nick Preston, the Kent seamer, marked his home championship debut by taking three for 42 in 19 overs.

Gul Khan, of Oxford University, twice dismissed in the nineties this season, resumed his search for a maiden first-class century by scoring an unbeaten 72 against Nottinghamshire in the Parks.

Vialli bows out with the ultimate prize

By Rob Hughes, football correspondent

ONLY in Italy, where football is close to the ultimate expression of joy and despair, can men weep over something allegedly as trivial as a football match. In Turin in 1990, it was Paul Gascoigne. In the Olympic stadium in Rome this week, it was Gianluca Vialli, his head shaven like a monk, crying to the point of convulsion.

Vialli had led Juventus to European Cup victory over the boys of Ajax. He is expected at 3pm today to commit the next two years of his playing career to Chelsea, but now this man of phenomenal football appetite was simply unable to shake off the conviction that, whatever he takes to London, it will be unlikely to come close to the ultimate moment that he shared with a public viewing in 196 countries.

Chelsea come into consideration because that is the prevalent view. Vialli, 32, still maintains that there may be a surprise, still says that 3pm this afternoon will be his first and final declaration about the choice between Rangers, Chelsea and some even say a club in the German *Bundesliga*, after 12 years in Italy's *Serie A*.

High in the stands on Wednesday night, Gianni Agnelli, the great patron of Juventus, reflected the joy of the men in the field. He has spent seven decades of a rich life craving this one trophy, pouring his family fortune into the business of buying and selling footballers, wanting, he once said, to achieve the highest prize and to let his own imagination run rife in players who could bring grandeur to the sport of the Italians.

Juventus, beating Liverpool in the Heysel Stadium 11 years ago, had won the European Cup at the dreadful cost of the lives of 39 spectators. This time the victory, albeit on penalties, was pure, and in the *piazzas* of Rome the celebrations flowed more permanently than the waters of the Trevi fountain. In one of the better European finals, tactics and power had won the day. Marcello Lippi, a man who had come through the ranks of coaching lesser clubs on one-year contracts, had now masterminded the removal of the cup from Ajax, the team and the club of the decade. He did it by committing three players to attack — Vialli, the equally athletic and emotional Fabrizio Ravanelli, and the young Allesandro Del Piero who, between the heavyweights, is subtlety and speed refined.

That trio pulled out of joint the Ajax formation on which Terry Venables is redefining England. Ajax like to defend with only three at the back; you cannot do that when the opponents attack on three fronts, and critically this obliged Frank De Boer, starting the match with an injured ankle, to be drawn into an Ajax back four. The impetus of the team was surrendered all across the field and, despite all that has been written about the youth system of the Amsterdam club, it was a home-grown product of Juventus, Moreno Torricelli, the right back, whose constant driving from the back became the revelation of the night.

Vialli: emotional triumph

Ajax had 59 per cent of the possession, but Juventus out-shot them by 23 attempts at goal to 11. The sight for English and Scottish eyes was of Ajax, with eight of the Holland team who meet England and then Scotland in the European championship, with their heads down, their bodies racked, their necks adorned with losers' medals. Italy, built around six Juventus players, will instead take the conviction of champions into the June tournament.

Juventus and Ajax took £9 million each in prize-money and television fees alone from the competition; they also keep gate receipts from 11 games, and Juventus have just signed a new kit sponsorship worth £17 million for four years, plus a £6 million two-year deal with Sony. Perhaps, at the eleventh hour, there may be sufficient in the kitty for Juventus to make Vialli an offer that he cannot refuse. He would, of course, have to share attacking duties not only with those present but with Alen Boksic, from Croatia, who, on European Cup final day, signed a contract to replace Vialli. The questions will be resolved at 3pm today.

Steve McManaman watches as Li Bing, of China, flies to the rescue in Peking yesterday. England won 3-0. Report, page 48

Injury puts Muster's Paris place in doubt

By Our Sports Staff

PREDICTING finalists in grand slam tennis tournaments can be a tricky business, with a fortnight for favourites to slip up before the big day, but Thomas Muster, from Austria, was as near a certainty to contest the French Open title as made no difference — until yesterday, when he hobbled off court at the Raiffeisen grand prix event in St Pölten, Austria. Suddenly, even Muster's participation in Paris next week was in doubt.

Muster, the French Open champion, suffered an injury to his right ankle during a practice session with Javier Sánchez, of Spain, and was taken to a hospital with a suspected torn ligament. He will learn today whether, at best, he will be fit again in four days, or, at worst, will miss the championship. He is the world's leading clay-court player but the No 2 seed in Paris.

Pete Sampras, the world No 1 and top seed at the French Open, is also injured, but he said yesterday that he hopes to be fit in time for the off at Roland Garros on Monday. Sampras has a back injury, but said: "If the French Open had started yesterday, I wouldn't have been able to play, but it is nothing serious. I am very optimistic."

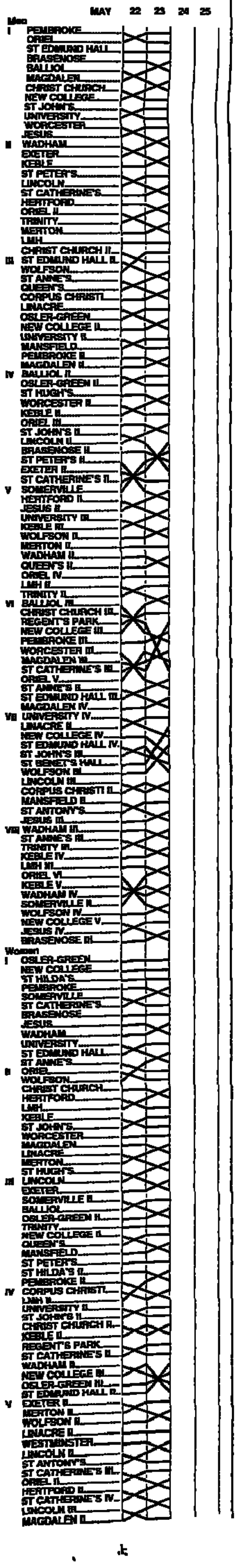
Sampras is short of clay-court practice, having pulled out of the Italian Open last week because he did not feel ready to play after the death of Tim Gullickson, his coach, and having withdrawn from the World Team Cup in Düsseldorf this week with his back problem.

The French Open lost one women's seed yesterday. Chanda Rubin, of the United States, the No 7, withdrew with a foot injury.

OXFORD EIGHTS

ORIEL and Osler-Green rowed over unchallenged at the head of the men's and women's top divisions on the second day of Oxford University Summer Eights.

In the men's sixth division, Magdalen III achieved the rare distinction of a double overbump, making up a total of 11½ lengths.



FOR THE RECORD

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HONG KONG: Uber Cup: Semi-finals: China 5 Denmark 0 (China names first: Ye Zhaoying bt C Martin 11-8, 11-3, Ge Fei and Gu Jun bt H Kirkegaard and R Olsen 17-14, 15-3. Wang Chen bt A Sondergaard 11-0, 11-8; Qin Yiyuan and Tang Yongshu bt L Olsen and A Jorgensen 15-6, 18-15, Zhang Ning bt M Pedersen 11-5, 11-2). Indonesia 4 South Korea 1 (Indonesia names first: S Susanti bt Bang Soo Hyun 11-7, 11-0. E and Z Rostana bt Gil Young Ah and Jang Hye Ock 15-3, 17-16, M Audina bt Kim Ji Hyun 11-6, 11-12, 11-4; Finarsih and L Tampi bt Kim Shin Young and Kim Mee Hyang 10-15, 15-6, 15-7; Y Sentoso lost to Ra Kyung Min 4-11, 4-11).

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City 6 Detroit 4; Texas 6 Minnesota 5, Chicago 2 Toronto 1; Seattle 6 Boston 1, Milwaukee 10 Cleveland 8; Baltimore 10 California 5: Oakland 5 New York 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 4 Florida 1: Atlanta 9 Chicago 4: Colorado 6 Pittsburgh 3, Montreal 4 San Francisco 3: St Louis 5 Houston 2; New York 3 Los Angeles 2: San Diego 5 Philadelphia 2.

BOWLS

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Civil Service 123, London Scottish 109.

EQUESTRIANISM

WINDSOR GREAT PARK: Windsor international horse trials: Dressage: International section: 1, Independent Archie (A Johnston, GB) 48.0pts; 2, Rainbow Magic (P Funnell, GB) 48.8; 3, For The Crack (D Dick, GB) 53.8; equal 4, Red Baron III (E Douglas-Miller, GB) and Canadian Gold (J Johnson, GB) 55.4. **National section:** 1, Rackateer (H Bell) 46.6; 2, Mister MacAvity (R Durrand) 50.0; 3, Welton Crack On (S Waters) 52.4

FOOTBALL

International match

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(at the Workers' Stadium, Peking)

KIRWIN CUP: Mexico 0 Yugoslavia 0 (at Shizuoka, Japan)

Wednesday's late results

EUROPEAN CUP: Final: Ajax 1 Juventus 1 (aet; 1-1 after 90 min; Juventus win 4-2 on pens)

CZECH CUP: Final: Sparta Prague 4 Petra Drnovice 0

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Brazil 1 Croatia Olympic XI 1 (at Manaus)

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CYCLING

TOUR OF ITALY: Fourth stage (147 kilometres, to Ostuni): 1, M Cipollini (It, Saeco) 3hr 31min 39sec, 2, S Martinello (It, Saeco), 3, F Guidi (It, Scrigno): 4, M Manzoni (It, Roslotto); 5, G Bontolami (It, Mapei), 6, Z Spruch (Pol, Panaria) all same time. **Overall positions:** 1, Martinello 19hr 08min 35sec, 2, S Zanini (It, Gewiss) at 6sec: 3, Guidi at 12: 4, F Bontempi (It, Brescialat) at 18, 5, A Edo (Sp, Kelme) at 26: 6, D Bramati (It, Panaria) at 28

MIDI LIBRE: Second stage: (171.5 kilometres, Millas to Mazamet): 1, L Jalabert (Fr) 4hr 08min 20sec; 2, R Virenque (Fr): 3, Y Sourkov (Russ); 4, C Boardman (GB), 5, P Joncker (Austria), 6, L Brochard (Fr), 7, S Sunderland (Austria): 8, P Chanteur (Fr): 9, F Moreau (Fr): 10, L Dufaux (Switz) all same time. **Overall positions:** 1, Jalabert 8hr 33min 21sec; 2, Virenque at 8sec, 3, Sourkov at 10: 4, Brochard: 5, Boardman, 6, Joncker, all same time

GOLF

WILDERNESSE, Sevenoaks: Club senior professional championship: Leaders after two rounds: 140: T Horton (Royal Jersey) 71, 69 **141:** H Flatman (Romford) 69, 72 **142:** T Squires (Boston) 72, 70 **144:** B Waites (Notts) 72, 72 **145:** J Hudson (Benton Hall) 70, 75, P Leonard (Dunmurry) 70, 75; J Rhodes (South Staffs) 69, 76

ROYAL DORNOCH: Scottish women's amateur championship: Qualifiers after two rounds: 148: A Rose (Stirling) 76, 72 **149:** L Moffat (W Kilbride) 76, 73. **155:** H Stirling (Dunblane New) 78, 77 **156:** H Monaghan (Heriot Watt Univ) 78, 78, **161:** J Ford (Gullane Ladies') 81, 80, D Jackson (Cochrane Castle) 80, 81 **162:** S McMaster (Dunbar) 82, 80 **163:** V Melvin (Clydebank and Dist) 81, 82; T Stoddart (Cawder) 80, 83 **164:** F Farquharson (King James VI) 78, 86, L McKay (Golspie) 83, 81, L Morton (Tulliallan) 81, 83: J Milne (Elgin) 82, 82. **165:** S Alexander (Elgin) 84, 81; F Anderson (Blairgowrie) 81, 84; L Roxburgh (Tain) 82, 83, C Hargan (Dundee Univ) 83, 82: C Hunter (Deeside) 84, 81 **166:** A Laing (Vale of Leven) 88, 78: L Nicholson (Heriot Watt Univ) 77, 89; K Fitzgerald (Turnberry) 85, 81, C Divers (Douglas Park) 81, 85 A Gemmill (Kilmarnock Barassie) 81, 85 J Balloch (Hockley) 86, 80 **167:** F McKay (Elgin) 78, 89 **168:** L Vass (Tain) 85, 83; E Vass (Tain) 79, 89 **169:** F Lockhart (Balbirnie Pk) 81, 88, L Urquhart (Banchory) 83, 86, A Ryan (Tain) 88, 81; A Hunter (Innerleithen) 87, 82; V Laing (Musselburgh) 84, 85; C MacDonald (Dunfermline) 84, 85; E Moffat (St Regulus) 83, 86, L McPherson (Deeside) 87, 82. Lockhart, Ryan, MacDonald, Laing and McPherson qualified for the matchplay stages after play-off

SHOOTING

BISLEY: RAF spring meeting: Nobel Trophy (inter-station rifle): 1, Uxbridge 775pts, 2, Cottesmore 752. **Inter-station pistol:** 1, Cottesmore 1,634; 2 Brampton 1,631. **Pentland Bowl** (RAF women's smallbore rifle) 1, Cpl S McGregor (Brampton) 786: 2, Cpl J Rabjohns (Wittering) 773 **Turner Cup** (women's pistol) 1, Rabjohns 712; 2, SACW Metcalfe 655. **Danby Cup** (slow-fire pistol) B Yard (RAF Recd) 539. **Helton Cup** (sport pistol), Yard 561. **Willott Cup** (standard pistol) Yard 531 **UIT aggregate:** Cpl Ford 1,115

SQUASH

CAIRO: Al Ahram International: Final: J Khan (Pak) bt A Barada (Egypt) 15-4, 15-11, 15-8.

TENNIS

DÜSSELDORF: ATP World Team Cup: Blue group: Czech Republic 1 Russia 1 (Czech Republic names first: P Korda bt A Volkov 7-5, 6-2, B Ulihrach lost to Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-4, 6-0). United States 2 Holland 0 (United States names first. R Reneberg bt P Haarhuis 7-6, 6-1, T Martin bt R Krajicek 6-4, 7-6).

ST PÖLTEN, Austria: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: S Dosedel (Cz) bt S Edberg (Swe) 6-3, 6-3; A Gaudenzi (It) w o T Muster (Austria) scr; F Mantilla (Sp) bt K Carlsen (Den) 6-4, 6-0; M Rios (Chile) bt F Clavet (Fr) 6-2, 1-6, 6-3

EDINBURGH. Women's doubles Cup: Quarter-finals: M McGrath (US) and L Neiland (Lat) bt J Hetherington (Can) and K Radford (Aus) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; N Arendt (US) and M Bollegraf (Holl) bt P Tarabini (Arg) and C Vis (Holl) 6-2, 6-3

MADRID: Women's tournament: Second round: L Richterova (Cz) bt C Martinez (Sp) 6-2, 6-3. **Quarter-finals:** A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-2, 6-3, M Seles (US) w/o I Spirlea (Rom) scr: J Novotna (Cz) bt L Richterova (Cz) 6-2, 7-5, M Maleeva (Bul) bt B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) 6-2, 6-3

STRASBOURG: Women's tournament: Second round: A Huber (Ger) bt K Kschwendt (Ger) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. J Wiesner (Austria) bt Wang Shi-Tang (Taiwan) 6-2, 6-2 L Davenport (US) bt L Ghirardi (Fr) 6-1, 7-5, N Tauziat (Fr) bt N Kijimuta (Japan) 6-3, 6-2; A Dechaume-Balleret bt M J Fernandez (US) 3-4, ret, A Miller (US) bt L Courtois (Bel) 6-2, 6-4, B Paulus (Austria) bt A Fusai (Fr) 6-4, 6-3, K Studenikova (Slovakia) bt A Glass (Ger) 6-4, 6-0. **Quarter-finals:** Davenport bt Tauziat 6-1, 6-4: Paulus bt Dechaume-Balleret 6-2, 6-2

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Texaco Trophy
First one-day international
10.45, 50 overs
THE OVAL: England v India

Britannic Assurance championship
11.0, third day of four, 104 overs minimum
HORSHAM: Sussex v Middlesex

11.0, second day of four
104 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Essex
ABERGAVENNY: Glamorgan v Worcestershire
GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire v Surrey
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Durham
CANTERBURY: Kent v Yorkshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Northamptonshire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Leicestershire

University match
11.30, second day of three
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Maidstone: Kent v MCC Young Cricketers; Walsall: Minor Counties v Warwickshire

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7.30
Stones Super League
Bradford Bulls v Leeds ......

First division
Salford v Dewsbury ......

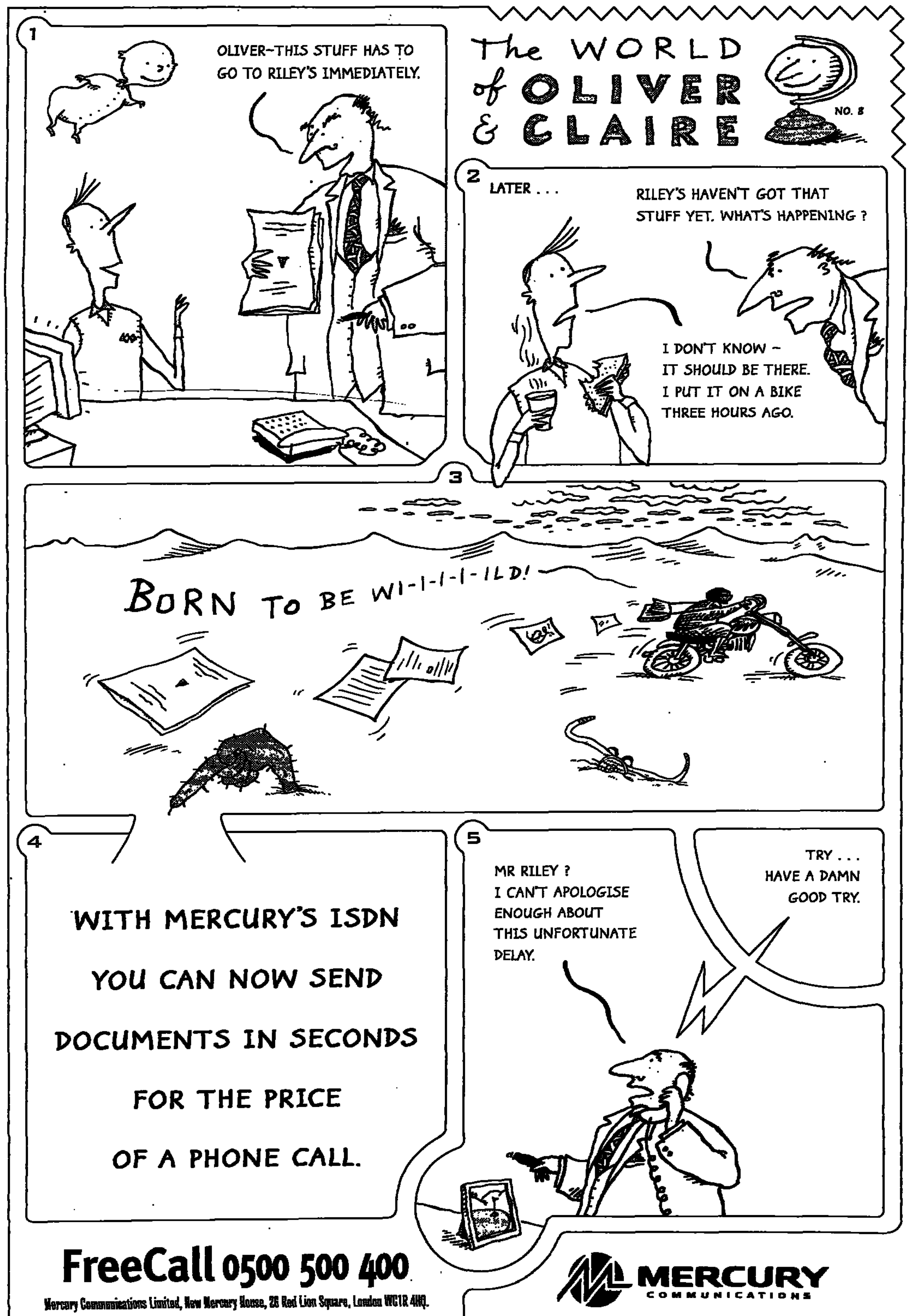
Second division
Barrow v Bramley ......
York v Chorley Magpies ......

FOOTBALL

Toulon under-21 international tournament
Group B
England v Belgium
(at Mayol Stadium, Toulon, 6.0) ......

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse Trials (Windsor Great Park)
CYCLING: National track championships (Manchester velodrome, 3.30 and 7.0)
GOLF: Volvo PGA championship (Wentworth)
HOCKEY: Women's International: England v Argentina (at Lilleshall, 3.30).
TENNIS: World women's doubles Cup (Craiglockhart Sports Centre, Edinburgh)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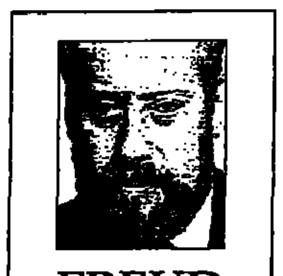


FREUD ON FRIDAY

I liked the days when there were fish cafés, Indian restaurants, and steak houses: you went out knowing what you were going to eat. *Haute cuisine* was followed by *nouvelle cuisine*, then came *cuisines minceur*, *flambé*, and *pouf*, and all one knew was that it would be expensive. Ego-trip establishments followed: Albert and Nico and Michel, Pierre and Marco, Alistair and Gary; you knew who was going to come and kiss your guests between courses.

Now there are theme restaurants: hang the food, feel the ambiance is the premise on which they operate. It is a style of catering described by an American friend as "sizzle without steak". There is a fashion café, one that attracts its clientele with cinematic memorabilia and others yet that work on football, cricket and golf nostalgia. What they have in common is that they are good places in which to entertain people to whom you have little to say.

Babe Ruth, in Wapping, is a newish arrival among theme restaurants, and as a fan of Mr Ruth — who was a baseball star, a "Gazza" of a man before it became fashionable to combine sporting brilliance with simplistic extrovert behaviour — I went to see how they perpetuate the memory of such an icon. Ruth played in ten World Series between the wars, scored 714 home runs, earned $80,000 a year, while around him folk were asking buddies to spare them a dime: Ruth left much of his money to children's charities.

The place is large and modernistic. A young woman opened the door, remained in the doorway, and I waited for her to leave. She said: "Come in. Welcome to Babe Ruth. You'll have a brill time." I squeezed past her. A small basketball court is situated just inside the entrance, and a fair-haired Amazon was throwing the ball into the hoop with some skill; a near-naked child ran in and out and received the occasional hug: could have been mother and son, or emancipated baby sitter and charge.

"Smoking or no smoking?"

No smoking, I said, and was sat next to a table of four who puffed at their cigarettes with fervour. The atmosphere was loaded with garlic and noise and lights and pictures from film screens and television screens and taped music and waitresses asking breathless questions which they answered themselves: "How is your food?. Fantastic, that's great", while their clients sat bemused. The restaurant was cold, which might have been welcoming on a hot night.

'Welcome, you'll have a brill time'

The menu arrived via an American waitress, who said: "This is the menu, have a wonderful evening, can I get you a drink?." At the bottom of the glossy bill of fare was written: "All our sodas are served in huge 22-ounce glasses". Perhaps rival places use small 22-ounce glasses.

I asked for a cold beer, sent it back, got a colder beer. "Sure, no trouble, have a terrific day." The prices were high and seemed especially high because, on the previous evening, I had gone to the Thai Bistro in Chiswick High Road, and had two excellent starters, two small jugs of sake and a bottle of Thai lager, two main courses with an egg fried rice and a dish of good noodles for £19.80.

Here, cheeseburgers were about £10, relishes had to be asked for and cost extra, salad was boring, and puddings came at £3.99 up to a chocolate waffle banana sundae at £6.99.

On the walls and hanging from the ceiling were the impedimenta of many sports: stuffed baseball players in New York Mets shirts, hang gliders, surf boards, caps, bats and gloves.

On the television screen above my table, a man in light blue shorts was boxing one wearing dark blue who did the Ali shuffle and goaded his opponent in the manner of the great man . . . until light blue knocked him out. No sound came from the set, and this was followed by Barry McGuigan summing up — not everyone's favourite entertainment, soundless summing up.

At one end of the large downstairs room is the kitchen, which is huge and shining, and one sees people doing things, like chopping and arranging food on plates.

On the screen above my table, I now saw a boxer with Wilfredo embroidered across the seat of his shorts fighting an amazingly even bout: like pugilistic muzak, could have gone on for ever without doing anyone much harm until Wilfredo, around the time I got a very much better cheeseburger for the one I had sent back, caught his opponent with a fierce left hook. The damage done to the victim's face was unconducive to confronting a £5.99 strawberry sludge cake with frosted coconut cream and sliced nuts.

'Atmosphere is loaded with noise'

The waitress, a frustrated Judy Garland, told me that she was now taking away my plate, and it had been fabulous, right . . . and what could she get me now, another drink, OK? . . . Bill, I said.

"Right," said she, removing the tomato ketchup bottle from my table. "I'll take this away for you, and I'll be right back."

Not me.

Sour Sherry needs a little maturity to win taste of success

John Hopkins offers an open letter on etiquette-with-a-smile to a talented but disaffected player preparing for Wentworth

Dear Gordon,

LIFE has become tough all of a sudden hasn't it? Perhaps you thought your transition into the professional ranks would be along a path strewn with roses. But things haven't quite gone right from the moment you were turned away on your arrival at Augusta National Golf Club last month to the way you missed the cut in your first European Tour event as a professional last week. I suspect from your demeanour at The Oxfordshire last Friday that you did not enjoy the last few holes.

An 80 was not what we expected from the most heralded amateur to turn professional since Sandy Lyle and Nick Faldo 20 years ago. Eight over par was not a good score, even though two days later Nick Faldo, the Masters champion, took an 80 and Ian Woosnam and Colin Montgomerie were two and four strokes worse, respectively.

Here we are at Wentworth for the Volvo PGA Championship, your second European Tour event, and there is some jealous muttering that you, having failed, as yet, to win any official prize-money, have got in to the field ahead of some journeymen professionals. You have a star billing, too. You tee off at 8.00am, a time designed, no doubt, with television in mind. You are paired with David Gilford, the Ryder Cup player, and, for the second week running, Frank Nobilo, who finished fourth in the Masters.

If you are wondering what will happen next, perhaps you should bear in mind Nobilo's words. While praising your skill, Nobilo pointed out that you needed some lessons in on-course etiquette. "Gordon is new to the professional game and he's got a lot to learn," Nobilo said. "Most players are careful to give their playing partner as much space as possible, whether they love or hate them. We try not to get in each other's way. When you're used to playing amateur golf you hit when you want to but we don't play that kind of play."

He might have commented on your nature, which always used to seem so sunny. I remember how happy and relaxed you were when you finished fourth in the Scottish Open last year and I remember how Greg Norman seemed envious of your carefree approach when you played a practice round with him before the Open.

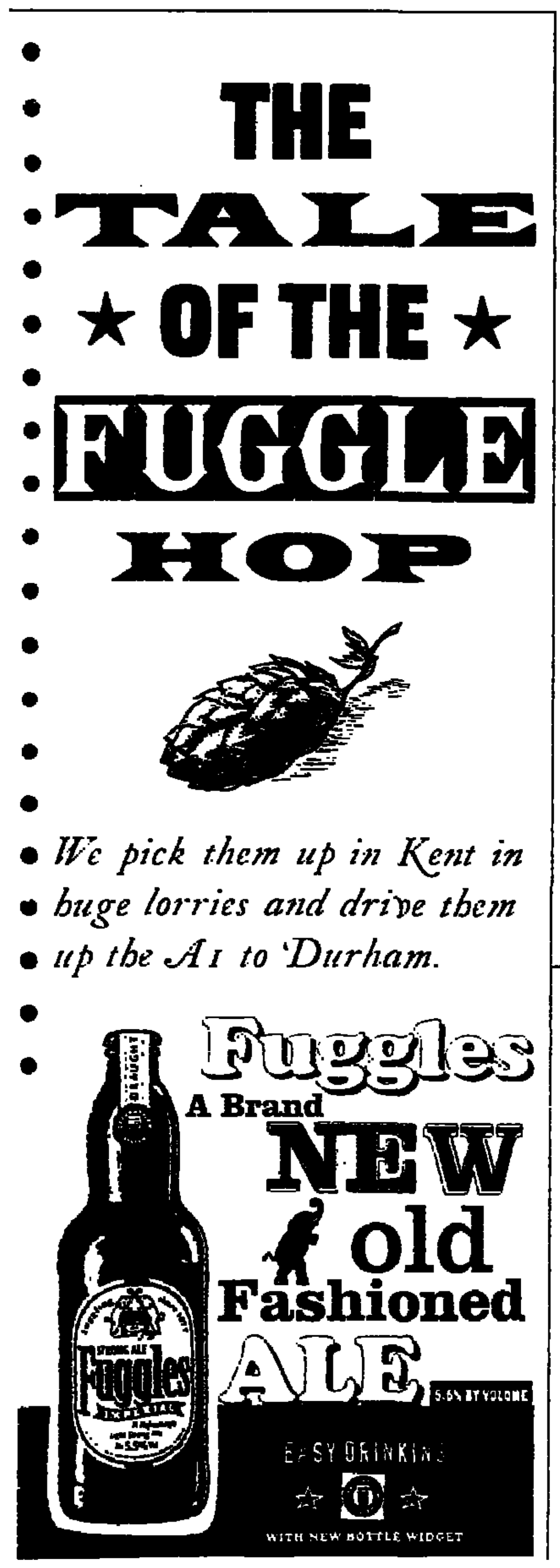
What has happened since then? From the way you banged a few clubs in frustration last week, I suspect that the pressure is getting to you — and I sensed that Bill, your father, a loyal supporter, was anxious, too. He was roaming around nervously, fretting for you as if you were in contention to win.

Colin Montgomerie knows what you're going through and his advice is this: "Be patient and relax. My expectations were high when I turned professional, too. It's a different ball game, now. He must not get too worked up. People said that to me, of course, and still do and I get worked up saying 'How do I relax?' But I will say it nonetheless. He has the talent. He can play the game. He should just go out and do it."

Look around and learn from your peers. Take a lesson in thoroughness from Nick Faldo as he prepared for the PGA, which he has won on four occasions. At 9.15 yesterday morning Faldo, Fanny Sunesson and David Leadbetter, Faldo's coach, climbed on to the 9th tee where Faldo hit two drives under the eye of Leadbetter. Faldo is all business.

Golf is not meant to be fair or easy and you know that. You know you are good. Play well — as we all know you can. And give us a smile. You always used to.

Yours sincerely, John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ADRIAN BROOKS

Hall battled through the wind for two convincing wins in her title defence

Edwards prevents rout

By John Hennessy

IT WAS with no small relief that Kelly Edwards, a scratch golfer from Staffordshire, achieved a half yesterday at the first hole of her second-round match in the English women's championship at Silloth-on-Solway. She knew that at least she would be spared the ordeal that had befallen the luckless Alex Monk, of Broadstone, in the morning.

Monk, who plays off four, lost the first ten holes against Julie Hall, the holder, and suffered the golfing nightmare of a 10 and 8 defeat.

For a time, it looked that Edwards's relief would be short-lived in the fierce wind as she declined to four down after six holes. Yet, as soon as spectators left in search of a closer contest, Edwards, encouraged by some wayward play by Hall, who also holds the British, Australian and Spanish championships, won four holes in a row from the 7th.

Hall then took the 11th and 13th and it seemed that normal service had been resumed, but no. Edwards again struck back by holing a 15-yard chip for a birdie at the 14th. Hall then showed her pedigree with a birdie four at the 15th and a two at the 143-yard 16th, where she was on with an eight-iron, to win by 3 and 2.

Hall has now to face Joanne Hockley, a Felixstowe Ferry colleague, whose form has improved appreciably this year. She beat Rebecca Hudson, from Wheatley, by 2 and 1 in the second round. Four down with five to play, Hudson won the 14th and 15th with birdies and took the next with a par three before Hockley recovered to dispatch her at the 17th. Hockley's impressive golf, she says, is a tribute to the teaching skills of Johnny Johnson, the professional at an Ipswich driving range.

Elaine Ratcliffe, standing proudly at the top of the draw in recognition of her victory in the strokeplay stage, had two handsome wins, by 5 and 4, against Kay Baxter, of Moortown, in the morning, and Joanne Oliver, a plus-three player from Knebworth, after lunch. Ratcliffe, a Stirling University graduate, is used to playing in high winds, and it showed.

RESULTS: First round: E Ratcliffe (Sandway) bt K Baxter (Moortown) 5 and 4, J Oliver (Knebworth) bt C Blackshaw (Blackburn) at 19th; K Egford (Burley) bt K Tenniswood (Wentworth) 5 and 3; S Gallagher (Trentham Park) bt C Bushell (Piltdown) 4 and 2, J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry) bt A Monk (Broadstone) 10 and 8; K Edwards (Ingestre Park) bt G Simpson (Cleckheaton) 1 hole; R Hudson (Wheatley) bt P Simpson (Harrogate) 3 and 1; J Hockley (Felixstowe Ferry) bt K McKenna (Tynemouth) 1 hole, G Nutter (Prestwich) bt S Coverley (Woodsome Hall) 1 hole, C Lipscombe (Cirencester) bt C Gracy (Bawburgh) 3 and 2; S Sanderson (The Berkshire) bt K Shepherd (Worplesdon) 6 and 5; K Rostron (Clitheroe) bt K Smith (Waterlooville) 6 and 5, L Educate (Calcot Park) bt N Cusack (Silloth-on-Solway) 6 and 5, C Ritson (Ormskirk) bt C Watson (Beaconsfield) 2 and 1; E Fields (Falmouth) bt G Scase (Orsett) 1 hole; K Stupples (Royal Cinque Ports) bt K Hamilton (Cotswold Hills) 5 and 4. Second round: Ratcliffe bt Oliver 5 and 4, Gallagher bt Egford 3 and 2, Hall bt Edwards 3 and 2; Hockley bt Hudson 2 and 1, Nutter bt Lipscombe 6 and 5, Sanderson bt Rostron 1 hole, Educate bt Ritson 4 and 3; Stupples bt Fields at 23rd

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 42

LEGATO

(b) Musical instruction for smooth and connected, with no breaks between the successive notes. Used as an adjective or adverb as a direction to a performer to render a passage or piece in this style.

MOOCHER

(a) One who mooches or plays truant from school, especially in order to gather blackberries, hence a gatherer of blackberries. "What a moocher you are, David! Allays after them blackberries."

LANGUET

(c) Anything shaped like a little tongue. From the diminutive of the French *langue* a tongue. Hence, the tongue of a balance, a tongue-shaped ornament, especially a drop of amber or jet, the thong used for tying a shoe, a latchet, a narrow blade projecting at the end of a spade, a spatula, etc. As a verb, to chatter idly.

MHORR

(c) A West African gazelle named by E.T. Bennett *Gazella mhorr*, having horns annulated with ten or 12 prominent rings. "The animal is much sought after by the Arabs on account of producing the bezoar stones so highly valued in eastern medicine" — *Penny Cyclopaedia* 1834.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Rxe6! Kxe6; 2. Rc6+ Kf7 (2. . . . Bd6 is possible, but will leave White with an easy win on material after the bishop is captured); 3. e6+ wins the rook.

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Noodles, tiles and Hawking

Ballad of the Sad Cafés. *Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.*

Food for thought and thought for food are twin strands in Menna Bonsels's report on a northeast London café populated by expatriates from South-East Asia, mainly Vietnamese. Noodle soup is consumed in vast quantities there, and occidental gourmets will be delighted to hear that traditional dishes featuring dog meat have been replaced by variations on the theme of pork. Much time is spent slapping down mah-jong tiles, and there are also inter-generational tensions. The young, largely westernised, resent the wagging fingers of their parents and grandparents and patronise another, more youthful, café. Food for thought? One customer is translating Stephen Hawking's *A Brief History of Time* for his fellow customers.

A Handful of Dust. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

It may be nit-picking, but I think that it needs saying. In all other respects, Sally Avens's production of Evelyn Waugh's darkish satire accurately recreates the sophisticated savagery of high society in 1920s England. A flat *could* be had in London for three pounds a week, and families living in posh houses *could* keep 15 servants, and the popular songs of the Twenties that bind together the unusually short scenes in Bill Matthews's adaptation *were* precisely those we hear this afternoon; but I will need some convincing that, when women exchanged pecks in the Twenties, they made that stupid "Mwah!" sound of the Nineties.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Essential Selection **10.00** One in the Jungle **1.00am** Radio 1 Rap Show **3.00** Annie Nightingale

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Anne Robinson **1.30** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Frances Edmonds **7.00** Maestro **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** The Thirty-Nine Steps (3/10) **9.30** Listen to the Band **10.00** Festival Follies **12.05am** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme incl **6.55**, **7.55** Racing preview **8.35** The Magazine incl Video Review and News from Europe **12.00** Midday with Mair incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck **1.15** Entertainment News **2.05** Ruscoe on Five incl **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** Nationwide, incl **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra incl at **7.20** Friday Sport. Rugby League: Bradford Bulls v Leeds; Football: England Under-12 v Belgium in Toulon, Golf: Day one of the PGA Championship from Wentworth **9.35** Sports Shop, with Adrian Goldberg **10.05** Paper Talk, with Brian Alexander and Phil Murphy **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night, with Richard Dallyn

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Mike Dickin

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CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Showcase **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Through the Night

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Introduced by Penny Gore. Bax (Romantic Overture); Hummel (Septet in C, Op 114, Septet militaire); Verdi (Overture The Force of Destiny); Honegger (Concerto da camera); Vivaldi (Concerto in C, Op 8 No 12); Turina (Serenata Op 87)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Rimsky-Korsakov (Capriccio espagnole: New Philharmonia Orchestra under Leopold Stokowski); Brahms (Clarinet Quintet in B minor Op 115: Harold Wright, clarinet)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Bath Festival. *Artist of the Week*: Roger Vignoles, piano. Rachmaninov (Ne ver'mne, drug); **10.05** Beethoven (Variations on a theme from Judas Maccabaeus); Tallis (Spem in alium); Tippett (Piano concerto); Bloch (From Jewish Life); Britten (Canticle No 2, Abraham and Isaac); Marais, arr Gendron (La Folia); Gorauger (Je bois); Vian (La Cinématographe)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Respighi

1.00pm St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital. Nicholas Daniel, oboe; Julius Drake, piano. Saint-Saëns (Oboe Sonata in D, Op 166); Spearing (A Welsh Bestiary); Hindemith (Oboe Sonata)

2.00 Schools: Let's Make a Story **2.15** Music Box **2.30** Dance Workshop **2.50** Poetry Corner

3.00 Mining the Archive. Stephen Plaistow reviews the career of the Russian pianist, Emil Gilels who died in 1984

5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson

5.15 In Tune. Includes Gershwin, arr Kostal (Promenade, Shall We Dance?); Holst (A Somerset Rhapsody); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in G minor, Op 8 No 2, Summer, The Four Seasons)

7.30 Bath Festival. The opening orchestral concert of this year's Bath Festival, the first of four to be broadcast on Radio 3. Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Nicolae Moldoveanu. Haydn (Symphony No 103 in E flat, Drumroll); Gruber (Zeitstimmung); Mozart (Horn concerto No 2 in E flat); Weill (Symphony No 2)

9.30 Jelly Mountain. With Ivor Cutler

9.45 More Jelly. Musical reflections by Jelly Roll Morton

10.00 Hear and Now. Includes Michael Gandolfi (Design School); Luminita Spinu (Of Tears and Saints); Karen Markham (The Wheel Has Turned); Ronald Ford (Inferno I, 32); **11.30** WEB The electronic sound sculpture commissioned by the BBC from BEAST

12.00 Composer of the Week: Clara Schumann. Walzer; Three Romances, Op 11; Three Partsongs (1848); Piano Concerto in A minor (r)

1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes Schein (The Fountain of Israel) **2.10** Music for piano and strings by Schumann **3.10** Dramatic works by Monteverdi **4.10** Ronald Brautigan, fortepiano, performs works by Beethoven **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25**, **8.25** Sports **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Shelf Lives: The Disposable Nappy (r) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Janet Holmes à Court talks to Sue Lawley (r)

9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley

10.00 News; Ballad of the Sad Cafés (FM only). See Choice

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)

10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)

10.30 Woman's Hour

11.30 The Natural History Programme. Presented by Joanna Pinnock

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Chris Choi

12.25pm The Food Programme **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World At One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Classic Serial: A Handful of Dust. See Choice (1/2) (r)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan visits an exhibition of the late works of Edgar Degas at the National Gallery

4.45 Short Story: The Lady Gardener By Grace Ingoldby. Read by Gavin Muir

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places, with David Stafford

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle

8.05 Any Questions? Nick Clarke chairs a topical discussion in Perth, with Labour's chief whip Donald Dewar, MP; Helena Kennedy, QC; Malcolm Rifkind, MP, Foreign Secretary; and Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI

8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins reviewing and analysing the week's legal issues

9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke

9.30 ***Kaleidoscope*** **Feature** Dawn Upshaw talks to the soprano Lynne Walker about her singing career (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Next of Kin, by Joanna Trollope. Read by Robin Ellis (10/10)

11.00 Week Ending. With Sally Grace, Toby Longworth and the team taking a sideways look at the week's news

11.25 Tea Junction. The last in the present series with Patrick Hannan and his guests taking a sceptical look at the week's events

11.45 A Likely Story. Les Woodland investigates improbable characters with bizarre leanings. Noah Bickerdyke is attempting to revive the old country tradition of chicken racing (r)

12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Stone Diaries By Carol Shields. Read by Shelley Thompson (10/10) (r) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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Of aerophobes and low-flying sky pilots

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

So there is this huge group of aerophobics. And they come voluntarily to Heathrow airport, for a one-day British Airways "Fear of Flying" course. And they sit in a lecture room, weeping silently and clutching the upholstery, and try not to scream while a pilot cheerfully explains away their fears. For example, he says, many people have a wrong-headed idea about what happens when the wings of an aircraft detach themselves at altitude! Such silly-billies stare out of the window at the wing, and imagine it suddenly falling off and dropping earthwards — possibly in an eccentric spiral like a sycamore seed. But in fact (big, beaming smile) an aircraft's wings are designed for uplift. So they fall *upwards*! They snap off, you see (crack! crack!), and then hurtle up out of sight at enormous speed! Now if that doesn't help to cure that daft irrational terror of yours, nothing ever will.

Even Woody Allen, master of comic neurosis, never invented a planeload of aerophobes, fainting at the sight of a seatbelt, and vomiting into paper bags. But **Airport** delivered with the real thing last night (BBC1), and a lot of comedy writers woke up this morning with a great new idea for a movie, in which the pilot comes out to mingle with his jumpy passengers, his cockpit door slams shut behind him, and he can't open it again. Amazingly, many of the aerophobes were cured by the course, which is certainly a tribute to positive thinking. I had assumed a true phobic would require hypnosis, drugs, behavioural therapy, or prayer — not a few hours of trite reassurances they'd heard before.

Still, what rattling good entertainment it was. And on the whole, it was very good that the aerophobe flight went without a hitch, and there was no need for an impromptu mid-flight prayer meeting. Elsewhere last night, however, spiritual consolation was definitely the order of the day. Sarah in BBC1's **EastEnders** (glum, kleptomaniac teenager with unattractive school uniform) is slowly succumbing to Christianity, and attended her first fellowship meeting last night, accompanied by Robbie. It was spooky, of course. The Christians kept smiling with glassy expressions, like a room full of Tony Blairs. (Sorry for getting emotional about Arthur the other day, incidentally. The Square is buying a memorial bench, and I'm all right now.)

But the big Christian event of the evening was on Channel 4 — and there's a sentence I never thought I'd write. **Witness** last night concerned the coach-loads of American evangelists turning up in Russia with Bibles and declaiming "Praise the Lord!" at street corners in Moscow. After decades of suppression, the Russian Orthodox Church was just adjusting its beard, clearing its throat, and straightening a few icons on the wall, and what happened? Yanks with snake-oil training spilt out of trucks, converting the heathen to happy-clappy, and saying "I l-e-r-v-e Russia!" (in English).

Russia's Holy War was full of good things. Aside from the evangelists, the Orthodox Church must cope with a self-styled Messiah called Vissarion (formerly a policeman) who affects biblical garb and sandals, and looks faintly reminiscent of Neil in *The Young Ones*. Vissarion is at least a pleasant contrast to the hyperactive Americans: he folds his hands, lowers his voice for emphasis, and smiles privately in a Christian sort of way, as though he's just been struck by a beatitude. Meanwhile the Russian populace react in various ways to these assorted saviours, with their idiot smiles. "What are you bloody well grinning at?" demanded one sassy peasant in headscarf and ankle-boots. "Who's paying for all this?" asked a student in St Petersburg, similarly robust.

This was the real question, of course. And *Russia's Holy War* did not address it. "This is my twenty-first visit to Russia!" boasted the evangelists, and naturally it made you curious to follow the money. Who paid for the Bibles? And why do they bring dentists? Is it an orthodontic conspiracy? Are these missionaries in the pay of floss manufacturers? When the Rev Alfred McCroskey distributed American flags to sick kiddies in hospital, it seemed unlikely that the love of Christ was the only thing on his mind.

Still, if the famous Russian soul is up for grabs, who can blame opportunists for rushing in? "I bring kerosene for your spiritual fire!" announced the dapper Rev Rick Amato, stretching his pudgy arms in a tight-fitting suit. And good luck to him for finding something harmless to do with his life. Rick was a bad-boy drug addict back home, and Jesus saved him. And now, in a hilarious scene, Rick in turn was saving a Russian street-child with a loaded gun: evidently pleased at the opportunity to show off his qualities as missionary to the spiritually benighted.

"Give me the gun!" he pleaded. "Jesus said that those who live by the gun, die by the gun!" The kid (aged about ten) was unimpressed — and not because he recognised a misquotation. He looked at the big book he was offered, and then back at the gun, as if seriously weighing up which was worth more on the open market. He kept the gun. But refusing to give up (and still performing for our benefit) Rick abandoned the New Testament, and offered money. This time the kid gladly surrendered his piece, while secretly keeping another tucked into his belt.

Well, suffer the little children, *or what*? Finally, as the kid prepared to scarper, Rick gave advice directly inspired from Above: "If you ever do have to shoot anyone," he confided, peeling off notes: "remember. Shoot them in the foot."

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (56618)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (87989)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (4191163)

9.20 Style Counsel (s) (7204724)

9.45 Kilroy *(s) (6538366)*

10.30 Good Morning (s) (53453)

12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1514434)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (s) (5756366)

12.35 Going for Gold with the inimitable Henry Kelly (s) (4246786)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (80076)

1.30 Regional News and weather (62426960)

1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (69954873)

2.00 Banacek (3741298)

3.10 Felix the Cat (r) (3765863) **3.30 Playdays** (r) (s) (2273705) **3.50 Monster Cafe** (r) (s) (7883499) **4.05 Casper Classics** (r) (s) (6275618) **4.10 Little Mouse on the Prairie** *(Ceefax) (s)* (5542366) **4.35 Clarissa Explains It All** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2562250) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (7921182) **5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (6870989)

5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (476182)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (811)

6.30 Regional news magazines (163)

7.00 Wipeout. Paul Daniels hosts the game show. (Ceefax) (s) (3095)

7.30 Tomorrow's World. Rebecca Stephens visits Limone, on Lake Garda, where the inhabitants produce a protein that breaks down cholesterol and so helps to protect them from heart disease; plus the man *who has invented a hat that can double* as a smokehood when he wants to indulge in a cigarette, without polluting the air. (Ceefax) (s) (347)

8.00 Only Fools and Horses. Rodney needs to find a girlfriend in order to win a bet (r) (Ceefax) (9415)

8.30 Big Break. Jim Davidson hosts the snooker game show *in which celebrity players pot on behalf of contestants* This week's experts are Joe Swail, Dave Harold and Tony Knowles. (Ceefax) (s) (1250)

9.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2960)

9.30 999. Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris present stories of heroism and bravery, reconstructed by the emergency services and actors, and recalled by the people involved in the original incidents (Ceefax) (s) (979989)

10.20 FILM: Black Rain (1989) Stylish thriller. Two New York policemen are escorting a Japanese mobster to Osaka, intending to hand him over to the police. However, when he escapes, they have to follow him into a dark and dangerous world where he holds all the aces. With Michael Douglas, Andy Garcia and Kate Capshaw. Directed by Ridley Scott (Ceefax) (s) (103415)

12.20 FILM: Naked Tango (1991) starring Vincent D'Onofrio and Mathilda May, with Fernando Rey. Erotic thriller set in the early days of the tango in 1920s Buenos Aires. Directed by Leonard Schrader (Ceefax) (s) (6661477)

1.50am Weather (3877496)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: The Restless Pump (7886724) **6.25** Scenes from *Dr Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe (7865231) **6.50** San Marco (5898724)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4286892)

7.30 Smurfs' Adventures *(91182)* ***8.00 The Really Wild Show*** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7944298) **8.25 The Little Polar Bear** (r) (2505076) **8.30 William's Wish Wellingtons** (r) (s) (7741892) **8.40 Star Trek** (r) (8406873)

9.05 Job Bank (s) (9522569) **9.15 Teaching Today** (s) (524057) **9.45 Watch** (s) (5358521) **10.00 Playdays** *(r) (s)* (6194927) **10.35 Lifeschool Extra** (8423724) **11.00 Look and Read** (s) (3458298) **11.20 How to Make a Video** (1089499) **11.30 Teaching Today** (1095) **12.00 English File** (45328)

12.30pm Working Lunch (78417)

1.00 Shakespeare: The Animated Tales — The Tempest *(Ceefax) (s) (88618)* **1.30 Showcase** (s) *(62448182)* **1.45 Words and Pictures** (s) *(62443637)* **2.00 The Little Polar Bear** (r) (41167347) **2.05 William's Wish Wellingtons** (r) (s) (41166618) **2.10 Open View** (41181927)

2.15 International Golf and Tennis. Steve Rider introduces the Volvo PGA Championship from Wentworth, plus tennis from Craiglockhart, Edinburgh. (Ceefax) (87434750)

6.00 Shooting Stars. Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer host the award-winning spoof quiz show (r) (Ceefax) (s) (453)

6.30 The Champions. Fantasy espionage *series (Ceefax) (462502)*

7.20 Watch Out. Wildlife news (s) (105163)

7.30 CHOICE **We Are (Not) Amused** (2/2) (Ceefax) (989)

8.00 Top Gear Motorsport. In the last of the series, Mark James reports from Sumatra on the World Rally Championships; and Tiff Needell goes TVR Tuscan racing at Silverstone (Ceefax) (s) (7057)

8.30 Gardeners' World. From the Chelsea Flower Show (Ceefax) (s) (9892)

Arresting Dawn French (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Murder Most Horrid: Dying Live** *(Ceefax) (s) (3142)*

9.30 The High Life. Farcical comedy about airline cabin crew (r) (Ceefax) (s) (86163)

10.00 Have I Got News for You. Angus Deayton and Ian Hislop are joined by Piers Morgan, Felix Dexter and Clive Anderson (s) (46057)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (540811)

11.15 Pilot Paradise: Hi-De-Hi! The first *edition of the popular comedy series* (r) (414182)

11.55 This Life (10/11) (r) (Ceefax) (s) (675366)

12.40 FILM: The Beast with Five Fingers (1946, b/w) starring Peter Lorre, Andrea King and Robert Alda. Directed by Robert Florey (2796090) Ends at **2.10am**

CHOICE

We Are (Not) Amused
BBC2, 7.30pm

Part two of Kenneth Baker's survey of royal cartoons contains a revealing episode. On the night the Princess of Wales is to be interviewed on *Panorama* a cartoon about her is being prepared for a national newspaper the next day. The snag is that the cartoonist has not seen the programme and by the time he has, his cartoon will be too late. His ingenuity in striking the appropriate note is impressive. Victorian cartoonists had no such problems, but their attitude towards royalty was more *sycophantic. This reticence extended even to* the present Queen, at least in the early part of her reign, when cartoonists rarely showed her face. Whether the recent return to the cartoon savagery of the 18th century reflects changes in royal behaviour, or a less reverential society, or both, is a nice point on which to end.

Murder Most Horrid: Dying Live
BBC2, 9.00pm

Dawn French plays an abattoir worker in this latest black comedy, but Steven Moffatt's script thankfully contains no reference to mad cow disease. His scenario is in much lighter, not to say dottier, vein. The *joke is that while taking a holiday in South* America, French's Daisy is mistaken for a professional executioner. Well, they are roughly in the same trade. A banana republic wants to make a public example of its leading dissident and French becomes the unlikely purveyor of the poison gas. Rather funnier than any of this is that a television *company has secured the rights to carry the* execution live, which gives Moffatt the opportunity to have a tilt or two at television morality. Helen Lederer, Jim Carter and Stratford Johns are among the faces who overact shamelessly in French's support.

Life After Birth: Declaration of Independence
Channel 4, 9.30pm

Although "an irresponsible 20-year-old with no plans, no future and a fatherless baby" (to quote the script) might not be the most sympathetic of heroines, the Simon Block-Teresa Poland sit-com is settling in well. The writing is sharp and funny and the humour derives from character rather than gags for their own sake. As single mum Alison, spiritedly played by Emma Cunniffe, learns the first steps in babycraft, she finds herself engaged in a two-pronged battle, against the Child Support Agency and her overbearing mother (Rachel Davies). The mother-daughter relationship is particularly well sketched. Alison may be irresponsible, and everything else, but faced with a parent who treats her like a little girl you can only take her side.

Baadasss TV
Channel 4, 11.10pm

Prepare to be startled, diverted and perhaps affronted, as Ice-T and Andrea Oliver return for another trawl through the lighter side of black culture in Britain, the Caribbean and the United States. The flamboyant presenters, he the inventor of gangsta rap, she the singer who once had a band with Neneh Cherry, guarantee that even if the contents fall flat the packaging will sparkle. Actually the line-up for the new series looks highly promising. Among the items are reports on a black *Viz*-style magazine, a weekend for 500 black Britons at Butlins in Skegness and on why reggae music is so big in Japan. And there is a new video game devised by an enterprising company in Derbyshire which features *Baadasss* homeboy characters and a soundtrack of hip hop and phat beats. **Peter Waymark**

HTV

6.00am GMTV (1414386)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep *(r)* (Teletext) (s) (7289415)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2846076)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (6181453)

10.35 This Morning (50513347)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1510618)

12.30 News and Weather (Teletext) (4265811)

12.55 Entertainment Today (s) (4240502) **1.25 Liz Earle's Lifestyle** (s) (1566453) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (19431279) **2.25 Murder, She Wrote** (s) (7704705) **3.20 News** (Teletext) (7558250)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7557521)

3.30 Rosie and Jim *(r)* (s) (3988683) **3.45 The Treacle People** (s) (1994873) **3.55 Bimble's Bucket** (Teletext) (s) (9261124) **4.25 The Geeks** (Teletext) (s) (5532989) **4.50 Hang On** (s) (9972618)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (9423163)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (992705)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (472927)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (559540)

6.50 Let's Go (946347)

7.00 NEW **Lucky Numbers.** Shane Richie hosts the show where contestants try to win £20,000 (Teletext) (s) (8163)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (415)

Mark Wingett as DC Carver (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill. When a householder kills a burglar, Carver (Mark Wingett) and Boulton (Russell Boulter) are sent to investigate (Teletext) (7811)

8.30 Expert Witness. Drama-documentary series, about the role of forensic science in solving crimes (Teletext) (s) (3618)

9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Trouble and Strife. *An accusation could tear the Stubbs* family apart (r) (Teletext) (5927)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (66811)

10.30 HTV West News and weather (732415)

10.40 NEW **International Festival of the Sea.** Bob Crompton visits the festival in Bristol (562182)

11.10 FILM: The Raven (1963) with Vincent Price, Boris Karloff and Peter Lorre. Over-the-top Edgar Allan Poe send-up about three sorcerers who pit their magical powers against one another. Directed by Roger Corman (841182)

12.40 Hotel Babylon (s) (6483903) **1.20 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late** (s) (2150293)

2.20 FILM: The Flying Deuces (1939, b/w) Classic Laurel and Hardy slapstick comedy. Directed by Edward Sutherland (3971816)

3.30 Not Fade Away (r) (s) (74496) **4.30 International Festival of the Sea** (r) (81800) **5.00 Best of British Motor Sport** (r) (39903)

5.30 Morning News (57212)

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As HTV WEST except:

6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (933415)

10.40-11.10 Wales This Week (562182)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.55 Coronation Street (4240502)

1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (31913705)

1.55 Home and Away (39295618)

2.25 High Road (19434366)

2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (6291250)

5.10 Home and Away *(9423163)*

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (78144)

10.45 Film: Spies Like Us (38199601)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55 Home and Away (4240502)

1.25 Cross Wits (31913705)

1.55 A Country Practice (69968076)

2.20 Blue Heelers (7705434)

3.15-3.20 Breakaways (7568637)

5.10 Shortland Street (9423163)

6.25-7.00 Central News (933415)

10.40 Film: The Amityville Horror (73530415)

12.45am Hotel Babylon (6482274)

1.25 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late (2159564)

2.25 Cue the Music (7387903)

3.20 Dear Nick (6647125)

4.15 Jobfinder (6521564)

5.20 Asian Eye (3757564)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55pm Coronation Street (4240502)

1.25 Home and Away (31913705)

1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (69968076)

2.20 Murder, She Wrote (7705434)

3.15-3.20 Three Minutes - Freescreen (7568637)

5.10 Home and Away (9423163)

5.37 Three Minutes - Your Story (177960)

6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (78144)

10.30 Meridian News and Weather (756095)

10.45 The New Statesman (693786)

11.15 The LADS (623927)

11.45 Hunter (872182)

5.00am Freescreen (39903)

S4C

Starts: 6.35 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (5802927) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (65417) **9.00 The Golden Girls** (43960) **9.30 Ysgolion: Eureka!** (5355434) **9.45 Stop, Look, Listen** (5350989) **10.00 Fourways Farm** (6790057) **10.10 The Mix** (2986637) **10.25 The Technology** (2974892) **10.40 Off Limits** (8415705) **11.05 The Score** (9016057) **11.20 Stage One** (9020250) **11.35 Schools at Work** (5762927) **11.40 Living Proof** (7579182) **12.00 Sesame Street** (70502) **1.00pm Slot Meithrin** (73786) **1.30 Film: The Belle of New York** (54182) **3.00 Film: The Bad Lord Byron** (77778) **4.30 An Inspector Calls** (328) **5.00 Pump: Noc Noc** (6569) **5.30 Fifteen to One** (908) **6.00 Newyddion** (838569) **6.15 Heno** (674250) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (750637) **7.25 Antur Ir Antarctig** (480322) **8.00 Clwb Garddio** (5453) **8.30 Newyddion** (4960) **9.00 Home to Roost** (5298) **9.30 Life After Birth** (71231) **10.00 Brookside** (64453) **10.30 Rory Bremner — Who Else?** (551927) **11.10 Baadasss TV** (197328) **11.40 T.F.I. Friday** (610569) **12.45am Flava** (2148458) **1.20 Film: The Man Who Lived Twice** (8575545) **2.35 Beat Specials** (5751274)

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6.35am The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (5802927)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (65417)

9.00 The Golden Girls (r) (Teletext) (s) (43960)

9.30 Schools: Eureka! (5355434) **9.45 Stop, Look, Listen** (5350987) **10.00 Fourways Farm** (6790057) **10.10 The Mix** (2986637) **10.25 Technology Prog** (2974892) **10.40 Off Limits** (8413705) **11.05 The Score** (9016057) **11.20 Stage One** (9020250) **11.35 Schools at Work** (5762927) **11.40 Living Proof** *(Teletext) (7579182)*

12.00 Garden Party (r) (Teletext) (s) (63724)

12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (75250) **1.30 Alfred J. Kwak** (r) (39218569)

1.55 Those British Faces. Dame Anna Neagle (Teletext) (39286960)

2.25 FILM: Derby Day (1952, b/w) with Anna Neagle, Michael Wilding and Googie Withers. A comedy drama following eight people at Epsom on Derby Day. Directed by Herbert Wilcox (948298)

4.00 Secrets of the Moor (Teletext) (144) **4.30 Fifteen to One** (Teletext) (s) (328) **5.00 Rescue** (r) (Teletext) (s) (6569) **5.30 An Inspector Calls** (r) (Teletext) (s) (908)

6.00 T.F.I. Friday. The guests include Julia Carling, Jack Dee and Pete Townsend (s) (76786)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (152873)

7.55 Book Choice Malcolm McDowell reviews David Sherwin's *Going Mad in Hollywood* (Teletext) (s) (892778)

8.00 Garden Party. A visit to Coton Manor *Garden in Northampton (Teletext) (s)* (5453)

8.30 Brookside. The race is on between Bev and DD to accompany Ron to Bangkok (Teletext) (s) (4960)

9.00 Cybill. Cybill is delighted that she is going to be on her own for Thanksgiving (Teletext) (s) (5298)

9.30 CHOICE **Life After Birth** (Teletext) (s) (71231)

10.00 Roseanne. Roseanne's opinions make her a star (Teletext) (s) (64453)

10.30 Rory Bremner — Who Else? Last in the current series (s) (551927)

Andrea Oliver in the swing (11.10pm)

11.10 CHOICE **Baadasss TV.** A light-hearted look at black popular culture (s) (197328)

11.40 T.F.I. Friday (r) (610569)

12.45 Flava. Videos from the comtemporary black music scene (214858)

1.20 FILM: The Man Who Lived Twice (1936, b/w) starring Ralph Bellamy and Thurston Hall. Drama about a killer who undergoes surgery in order to make a new identity for himself. Directed by Harry Lachman (Teletext) (9164212)

2.40am Beat Specials. Molly Halfhead and Dodgy (r) (s) (1777800). Ends at **3.35**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

● **For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (23705) **9.00** Press Your Luck (5417291) **9.20** Love Connection (9326298) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (4192298) **10.40** Jeopardy! (9583163) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (3631724) **12.00** Beechy (30908) **1.00pm** Hotel (16328) **2.00** Geraldo (87415) **3.00** Court TV (4502) **3.30** *Oprah Winfrey (9552973)* **4.15** Undun (7076989) **5.00** Star Trek (8182) **6.00** The Simpsons (2873) **6.30** Jeopardy! (6453) **7.00** LAPD (9811) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2637) **8.00** 3rd Rock from the Sun (5231) **8.30** Jimmy's (4366) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (66347) **10.00** Murder One (921634) **12.30am** Star Trek (50090) **1.30** Late Show with David Letterman (5979670) **2.15** Hit Mix Long Play (17288075)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
9.30am Century (82163) **10.30** ABC Nightline (90892) **1.30pm** CBS News (66637) **2.30** CBS News (47231) **3.30** Century (4231) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (55250) **7.30** Sportsline (50989) **8.30** Entertainment (2908) **11.30** CBS News (37279) **12.30am** ABC World News (58632) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (21654) **2.30** *Worldwide Report (43651)* **3.30** Century (55496) **4.30** CBS News (37903) **5.30** ABC World News (99212)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am King Kong (1933) (74786) **8.00 The Last Days of Pompeii (1935)** (83845) **10.00 To My Daughter (1991)** (22989) **12.00 Moment of Truth: To Walk Again (1994)** (91618) **2.00pm A Million to One (1993)** (50786) **4.00 The Secret Garden (1993)** (7106) **6.00 Mario and the Mob (1990)** (63250) **8.00 Blue Chips (1994)** (75095) **10.00 Dangerous Game (1993)** (942647) **11.50 Death Match (1994)** (22095) **1.25am Les Visiteurs (1994)** (40449) **3.15 The All-american Boy (1973)** (60550274)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Matchmaker (1958) (2328) **6.00 The Last American Hero (1973)** (45692) **8.00 Paradise Alley (1978)** (57637) **10.00 A Nightmare on Elm Street Part 3: Dream Warriors (1987)** (213637) **11.45 Youngblood (1986)** (499144) **1.35am-3.15 The Incident (1967)**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Show Business (1944) (72328) **8.00 The New Adventures of Little Toot (1993)** (87705) **9.00 Master of the World (1976)** (41298) **10.00 Rise and Walk: The Dennis Byrd Story (1994)** (13231) **12.00 The Delicate Delinquent (1956)** (82960) **2.00pm The World in His Arms (1952)** (58328) **4.00 Once Upon a Forest (1993)** (7325250) **5.10 Aladdin (1993)** (6484989) **6.00 Death of a Cheerleader (1994)** *(33279)* ***7.30 UK Top Ten*** *(5347)* **8.00 Maverick (1993)** (79001540) **10.10 Puppet Master 5 (1994)** (828347) **11.45 Bad Lieutenant (1992)** (123724) **1.20am Subspecies (1991)** (5014496) **2.50 Golden Balls (1993)** (256477) **4.25 Once Upon a Forest (1993)** (673651)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Muppet Babies (92169076) **6.30** Ducktales (36506724) **7.00** Quack Attack (87484057) **7.30** Rescue Rangers (87496892) **8.00** Darkwing Duck (50224076) **8.30** Wonderland (50223347) **9.00** Lamb Chop (50247927) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (54888705) **10.00** Muppet Babies (36597076) **10.30** Pooh Corner (50236811) **11.00** Under the Umbrella Tree (97630960) **11.30** Dumbo's Circus (97648989) **12.00** Disney (49044095) **12.40pm** 16 Days of Glory (99394366) **3.00** Ducktales (47223279) **3.30** Quack Attack (45254182) **4.00** Rescue Rangers (45240989) **4.30** Darkwing Duck (45239873) **5.00** Cyberstar (97630434) **6.30** Flipper (91065434) **7.30** Eyewitness (45230502) **8.00-10.00** FILM: Return to Oz (32292521)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Sailing (77540) **8.00** *Triathlon* (10057) **9.00** Eurofun (66960) **9.30** Motorcycling (10279) **10.00** Modern Pentathlon (57298) **10.30** Modern Pentathlon (62144) **11.00** Tennis (8415960) **4.00pm** Motorsports (63786) **5.00** Football (7487106) **9.30** Sumo (94231) **10.00** Golf (90328) **11.00-12.30am** Football (55298)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Futbol Mundial (70637) **7.30** Wrestling (37540) **8.30** Racing (80540) **9.00** Aerobics (71892) **9.30** Trans World Sport (37637) **10.30** Futbol Mundial (77076) **11.00** Boots 'n' All (68892) **12.00** Aerobics (68328) **12.30pm** Golf USA Seniors Cadillac NFL Classic (17298) **2.30** Gillette World Sport Special (9144) **3.00** Watersports World *(82811)* **4.00** *Sports Unlimited* (78618) **5.00** Wrestling (4908) **6.00** Sports Centre (969163) **6.05** Trans World Sport (485328) **7.00** Super League Bradford v Leeds — Live (189786) **9.30** Sports Centre (63083) **10.00** Opposite Lock International Motorsport, Indy 500 Preview (81182) **12.00** Super League Bradford v Leeds (39941) **2.00am** NASCAR Trucks (45361) **3.00-3.30** Sports Centre (32632)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00pm The Winning Post Pontefract and Towcester (4361273) **9.00** End Zone — World League of American Football Preview (9277724) **10.00** Nike Golf Tour Carolina Classic (9053569) **12.30am-1.00** Inside the PGA Tour (7234699)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kids TV **4.30** TBA **5.00** Voice of Victory with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland **5.30** Christian Music **5.45** TBA **6.15** This Is Your Day with Benny Hinn **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (8027095) **7.55** As the World Turns (2122328) **8.50** Peyton Place (7362182) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (1100502) **10.10-11.00** Another World (4278057)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (6316960) **11.30** America's Great Outdoors (4526434) **12.30pm** Floyd on Oz (3099960) **1.00** Getaway (1311958) **1.30** Great Escapes (3098231) **2.00** Florida (4931637) **2.30am** Cruising the Globe (9399811) **3.00** Globe-*trotter* (4910144) **3.30** Around the World in 30 Minutes (7664328) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (99906182)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Weapons at War (6230540) **5.00** Mysteries of the Bible (4934724) **6.00-7.00** Biography Bette Davis (3014279)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

1.00am The Six Million Dollar Man (9851019) **2.00** FILM: The Last Child (2956458) **3.30-4.00** Robotech (4294564)

Rod Taylor battles in *The Time Machine* (TNT, 8.00pm, 2.20am)

TLC

9.00am Simply Painting (1399095) **9.30** Gardeners' Diary (7321618) **10.00** Dogs with Dunbar (5201231) **10.30** This Old House with Steve and Norm (1396279) **11.00** Homemaker (6850960) **11.30** *Craftwise (6868989)* ***12.00*** *Julia Child* (1379231) **12.30** The Frugal Gourmet (7325434) **1.00pm** Yan Can Cook (7166927) **1.30** Furniture to Go (7324705) **2.00** Our House (1593786) **2.30** The Garden Show (1523873) **3.00** It's a Vet's Life (1505521) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (1525618)

UK GOLD

7.00am *Pentaghost (7136786)* ***7.30*** *Neighbours* (7148521) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1278502) **8.30** EastEnders (1377873) **9.00** The Bill (1391453) **9.30** The Sullivans (7323076) **10.00** Bergerac (7144705) **11.00** Bullseye (6869618) **11.30** Gibberish (7082908) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (55998279) **12.30** Neighbours (7327892) **1.00** EastEnders (5708908) **1.35** Sykes (9250584) **2.15** The Liver Birds (7353811) **2.50** *Terry and June* (9841786) **3.30** The Bill (1537076) **4.00** Casualty (6883298) **5.00** *Every Second Counts* (7388366) **5.45** 'Allo 'Allo! (6886298) **6.25** EastEnders (4847724) **7.00** The Best of Top of the Pops (2707057) **8.00** Bullseye (1515908) **8.30** To the Manor Born (1594415) **9.00** Lytton's Diary (2738569) **10.00** The Bill (4380989) **10.35** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (9188453) **11.10** Minder (2917811) **12.15am** Carrott Confidential *(8899922)* **12.55am** FILM: Oh, What a Night (4073038) **2.30-3.30** Shopping (3700187)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (96786) **6.30** Degrassi Junior High (14618) **7.00** Ready or Not (46705) **7.30** California Dreams (58540) **8.00** Byker Grove (25637) **8.30** Halfway Across the Galaxy (24908) **9.00** Pink Panther (79160) **9.30** Garfield (52279) **10.00** Eek (38298) **10.30** Creepy Crawlers (79124) **11.00** Casper (21724) **11.30** Dinobabies (22453) **12.00** Tiny TCC (38724) **1.30** Sesame Street (55569) **2.30** Tiny TCC (1328) **3.00** Eek (4786) **3.30** Pink Panther (6873) **4.00** California Dreams (5908) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (4892)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Dungeons and Dragons (83298) **6.30** Galaxy High (39892) **7.00** *Mr Men* (4593163) **7.05** Teenage Turtles (3847873) **7.45** Rugrats (5356521) **8.00** Doug (4034873) **8.15** Real Monsters (4057724) **8.30** Rocko's Modern Life (88182) **9.00** Biker Mice from Mars (79434) **9.30** Pet Shop (16453) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (5906250) **10.05** Bananas in Pyjamas (5905521) **10.10** Babar (9243076) **10.35** Topsy and Tim (7939057) **10.40** Barney (7969298) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (7968569) **10.50** Banans in Pyjemas (7949434) **11.00** Children's BBC (66434) **12.00** Magic Bus (99298) **12.30pm** Grimmy (27569) **1.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (60250) **1.30** Visionaries (19540) **2.00** Pet Shop (2163) **2.30** Children's BBC (90347) **3.30** Mighty Max (2231) **4.00** Santo Bugito (1966) **4.30** Rugrats (4840873) **4.45** Doug *(4845328)* ***5.00*** *Sister Sister (3415)* **5.30** Clarissa (1502) **6.00** Alex Mack (8415) **6.30-7.00** Afraid of the Dark? (2095)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Time Travellers (1547453) **4.30** Nature/Nature (1543637) **5.00** Africa the Hard Way (1596873) **6.00** Lifeboat (1524502) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (5612989) **7.30** Mysterious Forces Beyond (1544366) **8.00** *Jurassica 2 (2714347)* **9.00** Justice Files (2727811) **10.00** Best of British (2737298) **11.00-12.00** The Dinosaurs! (7143076)

BRAVO

12.00 *Robin Hood* (1373057) **12.30pm** William Tell (7312960) **1.00** Jason King (7317415) **2.00** Return of the Saint (5206786) **3.00** The Saint (6859231) **4.00** FILM: *Mr and Mrs Bridge* (6403618) **6.30** Gossip (6609415) **7.30** Dead at 21 (1531892) **8.00** Return of the Saint (2701873) **9.00** UFO (2721637) **10.00-12.00** FILM: The Toxic Avenger Part III

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Different Strokes (3279) **7.30** Entertainment (8279) **8.00** Benson (2927) **8.30** Wings (1434) **9.00** Soap (65144) **9.30** Taxi (85205) **10.00** Entertainment (90927) **10.30** Shiny Friday (64434) **12.30am** Soap (94293) **1.00** Taxi (50038) **1.30** Laverne and Shirley (66187) **2.00** Entertainment (27380) **2.30** Frontline — Series II (13187) **3.00** Bob (30274) **3.30-4.00** Dr Katz (37767)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (8038298) **7.00** Esther (5706892) **7.30** Young and Restless *(6176124)* ***8.30*** *Gardeners' World* (6072960) **9.00** Masterchef 92 (6628231) **9.35** Kate and Allie (5074706) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (5116250) **10.05** Jerry Springer (2313182) **11.00** Young and Restless (7871502) **11.55** Food and Drink (6585724) **12.30pm** Dangerous Women (9388845) **1.20** Catchword (9223182) **2.00** Agony Hour (5884144) **3.00** Live at Three (8068873) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9473057) **4.30** Crosswits (2788569) **5.05** Lingo (15504328) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (9486521) **6.00** Bewitched (9483434) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (9474786) **7.00** On the Bed with Paula (9971809) **7.35** Joker's Wild (7261569) **8.00** Street Legal (1543144) **9.00** FILM: When She Was Bad . (72202927) **10.55** Entertainment Now! (1302927) **11.00-12.00** Erogenous Zone (5715540)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Road to Avonlea (8366) **6.00** Batman (2057) **6.30** Catchphrase (6637) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (9095) **7.30** The Byrds of Paradise (32521) **8.30** Duty Free (7250) **9.00** The Ruth Rendell Mysteries No More Dying Then (39231) **10.00** Round the World Treasure Hunt (49618) **11.00** Neon Rider (55453) **12.00** The Byrds of Paradise (51187) **1.00am** Batman (74632) **1.30** All Together Now (12831) **2.00** Big Brother Jake (70496) **2.30** Neon Rider (32583) **3.30** All Together Now (73583) **4.00-5.00** Road to Avonlea (21380)

MTV

7.30am Stylissimo! (67298) **8.00** Morning Mix Featuring Cinematic (871540) **11.00** Dance Floor Chart (43618) **12.00** Greatest Hits (37960) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (11521) **3.00** Select MTV (35927) **4.00** Hanging Out (61502) **5.30** Dial MTV (7502) **6.00** Soap Dish (4415) **6.30** MTV News (8095) **7.00** Dance Floor Chart (42705) **8.00** Celebrity Mix (67786) **9.30** Amour (40453) **10.30** Singled Out (29601) **11.00** Party Zone (96960) **1.00am** Videos (8603670) **5.59** Awake on the Wildside (9821729)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (2761499) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (2532298) **12.00** Heart and Soul (3010453) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (3096873) **2.00** Ten of the Best: Nashville '96 (4288809) **3.00** Into the Music (5739163) **6.00** Happy Hour (3016637) **7.00** VH-1 for You (9280298) **8.00** Beat Club 80s as part of Eighties weekend (4913231) **8.30** Weekend Review (4932366) **9.00** Ten of the Best, Lorraine Kelly (9279182) **10.00** The Vinyl Years (9289569) **11.00** Around and Around (6181255) **12.00-2.00am** The Nightly Rocks (4886632) Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am to 7pm on satellite, 24 hours on cable**

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (86276328) **7.30** Asian Morning (28535231) **8.30** Zee Presents (47576892) **9.00** Shree Krishna (47567144) **9.30** High Life (57790705) **10.00** Banegi Apni Baat (29574347) **10.30** Musalafam (47563328) **11.00** Zalke Ke Safar (18822231) **11.30** Bharak ek Kohj (17183250) **12.30pm** Buniyaad (57794521) **1.00** Tamil FILM: Mangamma Sebatham (98061809) **4.00** Video Junction (59486724) **4.30** Khel Time (59482908) **5.00** Zee Zone (19338521) **5.30** It's My Show (59468960) **6.00** Zabaan Sambhal Ke (59463873) **6.30** Zee and U (59487453) **7.00** BBCD (19325057) **7.30** Film Deewane (59483637) **8.00** News (19334705) **8.30** Antakshari (19346540) **9.00-12.00** Hindi FILM: Shiva Ka Insaaf (40069724)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm WCW Nitro on TNT (32210927) **8.00 The Time Machine (1960)** (32290163) **10.00 Theme: A West Fest season** (50226434) **10.00 They Died with Their Boots On (1941)** (37780415) **12.30am Dark of the Sun (1968)** (10384090) **2.20-5.00 The Time Machine (1960)** (36512516)

CNN/QVC

CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel.

PERFORMANCE

7.00pm The Royal Ellington **8.00** Manon Lescaut from the Royal Opera House **10.15** Yehudi Menuhin — Return to the Soviet Union **12.00-1.00am** Hancock, Zawinul and Guida

BBC WORLD

News on the hour.
8.05am Question Time **9.30** Madhur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery **10.30** Nature **1.05pm** Everyman **2.15** World Business Report **2.30** Newshour Asia and Pacific **3.30** Tomorrow's World **4.05** Question Time **5.30** The Travel Show **8.05** Question Time **9.30** Film '96 ***12.10am*** *Newsnight* **1.20** Britain in View **2.10** Newsnight **3.20** Window on Europe **4.05** Correspondent

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FRIDAY MAY 24 1996

India's Texaco Trophy challenge fades after dazzling opening partnership

Lewis returns with four-wicket burst

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

THE OVAL (England won toss): India, with five wickets standing, need 196 runs from 32.5 overs to beat England

THE rehabilitation of England's cricket fortunes may be a protracted business, but the patient made an encouraging start on the road to recovery yesterday. India had been subdued, if not quite conquered, when the forecast rain arrived on schedule at the Oval. The frustration of having to complete the first Texaco Trophy game in a near-empty ground today will seem a small price to pay for an England team that needs nothing more urgently than a reacquaintance with victory.

It was not an entirely smooth ride, for England won a toss that might have been better lost, batted when the pitch was inhospitable and failed to achieve their lofty targets in the initial 15 overs. Later, the defence of a healthy 291, 91 of them made by Graeme Hick, was imperilled by a thrilling Indian counter-attack that brought 52 runs from a wayward first five overs.

Simon Wilde 44
Mature Hussain 44
Wells in spate 44

However, the character and versatility that the selectors sought, the specific suitability for one-day cricket that they identified, was endorsed at each wrong turning. England's cricket was more vibrant, and better directed, than at any stage of the World Cup and, when the rain came, it was India who retreated gratefully.

At the time, they were sinking fast. From 54 without loss in the sixth over, they had subsided to 68 for five in the twelfth. Most of the damage was inflicted by Chris Lewis, who took four wickets for six in 21 balls, displaying confirmation of his enviable yet elusive talent and gratitude to the selectors who gave him one more chance to fulfil it.

The selectors, indeed, could congratulate themselves on choices and tactics that were largely successful. Even Raymond Illingworth, the chairman, emerged smiling after two days of lying low and was superficially untroubled by the storm of disapproval gathering against his forthcoming book. Lancashire entered the debate yesterday, voicing disapproval to the Test and County Cricket Board over its nature and timing. Illingworth is also threatened by legal action from Ian Botham, over some unflattering remarks made in a newspaper interview.

It is developing into open season for those who disapprove of Illingworth's style and would prefer him removed from office. To date, the chairman is rising genially above it.

He says that he has been happy to leave the final preparations for this tournament to David Lloyd, the new coach, and Michael Atherton, the captain. It was their decision to include an extra bowler at the expense of Matthew Maynard that meant that there were three international newcomers, all specialist one-day players.

Alistair Brown, the first of them, made a mixed impression. Dropped at slip, by Rathore off the luckless Srinath, from the second ball that he received, Brown had the limitations of his defensive technique thoroughly exposed, but he was not picked to defend and, amid some embarrassing moments, he also struck the ball in uncompromising fashion.

One bookmaker offered a spread of 80-85 on the 15-over score, but England, in the event, did not come close. They lost Atherton, to a beauty from Prasad, and Smith, to Mhambrey's fifth ball in international cricket. When the field was spread, they had reached only 64.

Brown fell to a loose drive soon after, prefacing what might now be thought the interlude of "proper batting" that occupies the middle overs of a one-day innings. Hick and Thorpe added 56 in ten overs before Thorpe, nibbling inadvisedly at Jadeja, edged to Mongia.

Stewart, betrayed by the nervousness of a man under pressure for his place, set off for a single as he pushed to the left of Jadeja, the bowler, and found that he had underestimated his agility and accuracy. So it fell to the all-rounders, two of them new and one recalled, to accompany Hick through the closing overs.

Irani made only 11, but was a shade unlucky to be caught on the long-leg boundary. Ealham hit Tendulkar for two consecutive sixes on his way to 40 from 34 balls and Lewis dominated the last four overs as Hick, driving expansively and unselfishly, was out nine short of a deserved century.

The last ten overs of the England innings had yielded 92 runs, but Tendulkar and Rathore threatened to eclipse that, unerringly punishing the leg-stump line of the new-ball bowlers. It was heady cricket, but Lewis stalled it effectively once Rathore had hit overconfidently across a full-length ball. The promotion of Kumble was baffling and brief and Martin's successful leg-before shout against Tendulkar was vital, if contentious.

Sidhu and Manjrekar played loose strokes when the time for composure had arrived. Although Azharuddin and Jadeja survived a 20-minute resumption in grim light India's main hope now is that the weather restricts further play today. The match is official once 25 overs of the second innings have been bowled. If India have scored 146 by then, they can still win.

Atherton moves in to congratulate Lewis who is already signalling his delight at knocking back the departing Sidhu's off stump. Photograph: Marc Aspland

SCOREBOARD FROM THE OVAL

England won toss

ENGLAND

*M A Atherton c Mongia b Prasad 13
(40min, 31 balls)
A D Brown b Mhambrey 37
(85min, 52 balls, 4 fours)
N M K Smith c Tendulkar
b Mhambrey 17
(15min, 11 balls, 4 fours)
G A Hick c Manjrekar b Srinath .. 91
(151min, 102 balls, 1 six, 4 fours)
G P Thorpe c Mongia b Jadeja ... 26
(40min, 31 balls, 2 fours)
†A J Stewart run out (Jadeja) 3
(7min, 6 balls)
R C Irani c Prasad b Kumble 11
(18min, 13 balls)
M A Ealham b Kumble 40
(41min, 34 balls, 2 sixes, 3 fours)
C C Lewis not out 29
(17min, 21 balls, 1 six, 2 fours)
D G Cork not out 0
(5min, 1 ball)
Extras (b 1, lb 11, w 11, nb 1) 24
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs, 214min) 291
P J Martin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31 (Brown 18), 2-57 (Brown 25), 3-85 (Hick 11), 4-141 (Hick 37), 5-147 (Hick 40), 6-176 (Hick 54), 7-252 (Hick 85), 8-276 (Lewis 17)

BOWLING: Srinath 10-1-45-1 (nb 1, w 2; 4 fours; 6-1-20-0, 2-0-11-0, 2-0-14-1); Prasad 10-1-63-1 (nb 1; 1 six, 5 fours; 6-1-28-1, 4-0-35-0); Mhambrey 9-0-69-2 (w 7; 8 fours; 7-0-50-2, 2-0-19-0); Kumble 10-1-29-2 (1 four; 5-0-12-0, 3-1-7-1, 2-0-10-1); Tendulkar 6-0-44-0 (w 2; 3 sixes, 1 four; 5-0-27-0, 1-0-17-0); Jadeja 5-0-29-1 (one spell)

INDIA

V Rathore lbw b Lewis 23
(23min, 19 balls, 3 fours)
S R Tendulkar lbw b Martin 30
(30min, 19 balls, 1 six, 5 fours)
A Kumble c Hick b Lewis 0
(1min, 2 balls)
N S Sidhu b Lewis 3
(17min, 13 balls)
*M Azharuddin not out 15
(49min, 25 balls, 1 four)
S V Manjrekar b Lewis 3
(9min, 8 balls)
A D Jadeja not out 11
(26min, 18 balls, 2 fours)
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 4, nb 1) 11
Total (5 wkts, 17.1 overs, 80min) .96
†N R Mongia, J Srinath, P L Mhambrey and B K V Prasad to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54 (Tendulkar 28), 2-54 (Tendulkar 28), 3-56 (Sidhu 0), 4-62 (Azharuddin 3), 5-68 (Azharuddin 4).

BOWLING: Cork 3-0-21-0 (w 2; 4 fours; 2-0-20-0, 1-0-1-0); Lewis 8.1-0-40-4 (nb 1; 1 six, 3 fours; one spell); Martin 6-0-29-1 (w 2; 4 fours; one spell).

Umpires: R Julian and P Willey.

Reserve umpire: J C Balderstone.

Referee: C W Smith (West Indies).

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MATCHES TO COME
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SUNDAY: Old Trafford.

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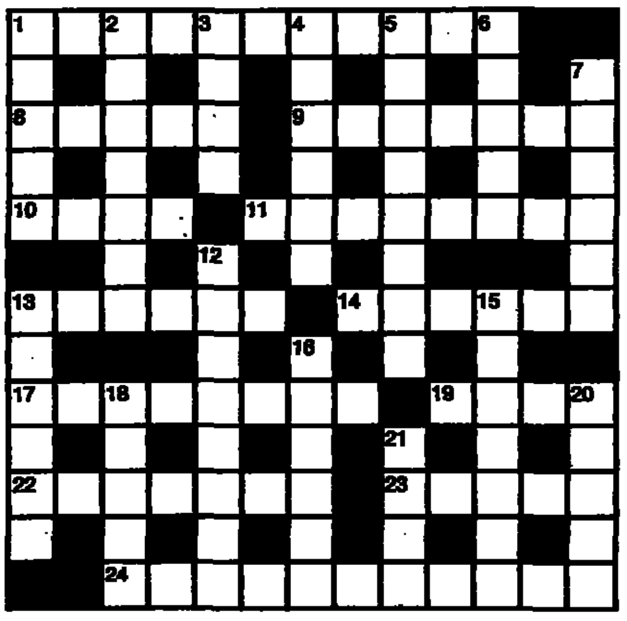

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ACROSS
1 Make (place) famous (3,2,3,3)
8 Poppy drug (5)
9 Lie back (7)
10 Yellow of egg (4)
11 Best friend (5,3)
13 Put in irons (6)
14 Rubbish washed ashore (6)
17 Fearlessly bold (8)
19 Gardener's basket (4)
22 Upper limit (7)
23 (French) secondary school (5)
24 With remorseless regularity (3,2,3,3)

DOWN
1 A delegated vote (5)
2 Group of three (7)
3 Without sensation (4)
4 Not really; virtually not (6)
5 A fish; dappled sky (8)
6 Balance; aplomb (5)
7 Sweep away abuses (6)
12 Cheeky audacity (8)
13 Shrink (from pain, challenge) (6)
15 Oppressive Med. wind (7)
16 Simplified mixed language (6)
18 Group of three (5)
20 Large, important (5)
21 Bloodsucking insect (4)

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Barmby's England renaissance exposes the cracks in China

China 0
England 3

From Andrew Longmore
in Peking

THIS was how it used to be. England travel to far-flung corners of the earth to administer a sharp lesson to willing pupils. Nobody, for once, could begrudge the officials of the Football Association their smiles nor the mixture of joy and relief on the face of Terry Venables, the England coach, whose side showed admirable composure in an atmosphere of noise and passion long forgotten in the echoing mausoleum of Wembley.

For once, England found themselves in a game that really mattered in front of a crowd that really cared, and the spirit of a soft, Oriental night will travel happily with them through the tougher tests to come. Two goals by Nick Barmby and a third by the irrepressible Paul Gascoigne were apt reward for England's professionalism. Any more would have been an injustice to China, who had enough to cope with in the violent emotional swings of the 65,000 crowd in the Workers' Stadium here.

Greeted with an ear-splitting moan of plastic trumpets on walking out, China were booed with equal ferocity at the end as allegiance was seamlessly transferred to the shoulders of the conquerors midway through the second half.

The lasting image of an historic occasion will not be of Gascoigne, brandishing his deserved trophy as the England man of the match and being cheered as if he was the President, nor of the Neville brothers acknowledging their achievement with the sort of polite handshake you might reserve for the mother-in-law, but of the talented young Hao Haidung walking away alone with his side's man-of-the-match trophy to be greeted with a shower of confetti by his own people — the confetti of surrender. He did not deserve such ignominy. "The Chinese team are stupid," was the final insulting chant.

The England players will sympathise. So much could have gone wrong for them on a substandard pitch against opposition with glory in their eyes and fire in their bellies, but the manner in which an inexperienced side destroyed hopes and built authority before adding a flourish to the final construction was a tribute to the depth of character in Venables's squad.

"We went back on our heels for about ten minutes before half-time, and they began to show what they could do," Venables said. "Before that, we had got at them and not let them turn."

Much of the credit should be given to Tony Adams, the captain, who came through his first competitive match in four months with barely a sign of rust. Flanked by the Nevilles, Adams cajoled his side forward, harrying China into elementary errors.

Alongside Adams in the plus column — and, almost certainly, on the list of the final 22 for the European championship finals — can be written the name of Barmby. Venables was waiting for a performance similar to his outstanding debut against Colombia last autumn and, in the humid air of Peking, he was rewarded for his patience by a bubbly, intelligent, exhibition of forward running crowned by two goals, each timed to perfection.

The first came just before the half-hour when a right-foot shot crashed against the post and fell invitingly back for completion; the second, seven minutes after half-time. Again Anderton was the instigator, with a swift long pass to Gascoigne, who released Barmby on the left side of the penalty area. The delicate chip over the goalkeeper must have lifted Barmby's spirits as much as it depressed the crowd's and, when Gascoigne clipped home the third, 12 minutes later, the influence of Tottenham Hotspur past and present was complete.

As the match was over, the substitutions began, the most forlorn departure made by Alan Shearer, just back from a hernia operation, well-marked by Fan Zhiyi (a centre forward himself) but still worryingly off-colour in an England shirt. Fowler looked more dangerous in 15 minutes than Shearer did in 75, but even that could not tarnish a good night's work. When these two next play each other, the gap will be narrower. For the moment, the Chinese takeaway has been postponed. This was a spring roll for England.

CHINA (1-3-4-2): Ou Chuliang — Xu Hong — Wei Qun, Fan Zhiyi, Li Hongjun — Xie Yuxin (sub: Li Meng, 45min), Li Bing (sub: Peng Weiguo, 45), Jiang Feng (sub Gao Zhongxun, 33). Ma Mingyn — Gao Feng, Hao Haidung.

ENGLAND (3-1-4-1-1): T Flowers (sub: I Walker, 64) — G Neville, A Adams (sub. U Ehiogu, 76), P Neville — G Southgate — S McManaman (sub: S Stone, 80), P Gascoigne, J Redknapp, D Anderton — N Barmby (sub: P Beardsley, 72) — A Shearer (sub: R Fowler, 72).

Referee: P Collina (Italy).

LOIS RAMONDO

Gascoigne glides past China's last line of defence to complete the scoring for England in Peking yesterday

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